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Thatcher visit seen as success

LONDON, March 2 (AFP) — Labelling Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's visit to the United States a "smashing success," the British press Monday was skeptical of its results.

The shadow of domestic problems hung over her talks with President Ronald Reagan. The *Times* and the *Daily Telegraph* said, with the *Telegraph* adding: "Reagan and his advisers will be wishing her well in dealing with these, especially since the extent to which she can 'deliver' military and diplomatic support depends largely on the condition of Britain's economy."

The *Times* pointed out that "Mrs. Thatcher's domestic base was much weaker than it was when she last went to Washington. Then she hailed by her ideological allies notably as gallant ally for the fight against communism, but also as a leading prophet of free enterprise."

"Now her domestic tribulations, closely scrutinized by the American press, have transformed her charisma into an awful warning from which the Reagan administration is busily trying to dissociate itself."

There are many issues on which Washington and London will have less than total agreement, the *Times* said. "On the Middle East there are already differences over the European initiative, and Mrs. Thatcher's visit has probably done little to bridge them. This is a pity because they are liable to affect consultations over the deployment force."

The *Daily Telegraph* recalled Mrs. Thatcher's indications that she favored NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) naval contribution to U.S. forces in the area. "It is questionable whether this should, or could, be much more than symbolic," the *Telegraph* said. "Persisting European-American differences over the Palestinian issue add a complication. For stopping Russian aggression in present circumstances the only answer is an effective American nuclear tripwire."

According to the *Guardian*, "by all means the West must develop close links with the Arab states. We have more in common with them than the Soviet Union, but let it be a joint initiative, not a simple announcement that henceforth the Arabs can take courage because the West will sail in with pennants flying."

John West meets Fahd
RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd met U.S. Ambassador John West here Monday. The meeting was attended by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal. John West, who was to relinquish his post last month, has been asked by Secretary of State Alexander Haig to continue until mid-March.

President Ronald Reagan was said to have selected Robert G. Neumann, a senior campaign and transition team advisor, as the next ambassador to the Kingdom.

Jesse Jackson, an American religious minister called on Prince Saud. The minister is visiting the country at the invitation of Riyadh University.

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DUSTY RIDE: Thai troops are joined by local village volunteers, as they search for Communist insurgents in Thailand's Krabi province recently. Despite its successes, the Thai army acknowledges that it has a protracted war on its hands in the country's southern highlands, where Communist insurgents have become organized, bringing with them disciplined social systems and a network of fortifications.

For Chun's inauguration 5,000 Koreans pardoned

SEOUL, March 2 (Agencies) — President Chun Doo-Hwan announced Monday that over 5,000 persons will be granted varying degrees of amnesty to mark his inauguration Tuesday for a full term as South Korea's head of state. But leading dissident Kim Dae-Jung, whose death sentence for sedition was commuted to life imprisonment last January, will not benefit from the clemency order.

The action of the president, who came to power in 1979, provided for the release of 3,385 persons now in jail, reduced sentences for 646 and restoration of civil rights for 167. In addition 1,023 South Koreans, blacklisted for mainly political reasons, will be allowed to return home.

A university professor and a former newspaper editor serving two-year sentences in connection with the Kim Dae-Jung case are among those to be released from prison. The presidential announcement said the government would consider extending clemency to 83 persons — including three under sentence of death — convicted of involvement in the May 1980 uprising in the southern city of Kwangju, in which 189 persons died.

Those covered by the amnesty also include prisoners sentenced for involvement in rioting in two other southern towns, a number condemned for their part in the assassination of President Park, and coal miners who seized the east coast town of Sabuk for several days in 1980 in protest at wages and conditions.

One of the names known to be on the amnesty list was that of Kim Kae-Won, former chief secretary to the late President Park Chung-Hee. He was arrested after Park's assassination in October, 1979, and accused of involvement in the plot. His life sentence is being commuted to 20 years.

Statistics released early last month said more than 57,000 persons had been arrested

in a so-called government purification drive that began in the summer of 1980. Those figures listed 51,061 persons picked up as alleged hoodlums, 1,864 as racketeers and 4,636 as habitual gamblers, drug traffickers and smugglers.

Kuwait raises defense budget

KUWAIT, March 2 (Agencies) — Kuwait announced Monday it had decided to spend an extra \$800 million on defense over the next seven years.

A decree issued by the Ruler of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah said the additional budget would be spent on strengthening and equipping the country's 12,400 armed forces with modern weapons, according to the state news agency. The original defense budget for 1981 stood at \$1 billion.

Diplomatic sources said that since the Iran-Iraq war erupted last September Kuwait had concluded that new arms purchases were needed.

Kuwait is 100 kilometers from some of the fiercest Iran-Iraq fighting and its vulnerability was shown by two Iranian air attacks last November on the Kuwaiti side of the road into Iraq.

The sources said aircraft, anti-aircraft defenses, radar, tanks and navy equipment were all possible new purchases. The government has repeatedly declared that Kuwait and the other Gulf states, which produce a quarter of the non-Communist world's oil, must look after their own security without foreign help.

Iraq wants direct talks; Iran accepts arbitration

BEIRUT, March 2 (Agencies) — Iraq has told an Islamic peace mission it would agree to a ceasefire in the Gulf war if Iran did the same, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said Monday.

It said President Saddam Hussein also told the high-level mission at a meeting Sunday night that it welcomed present moves to help bring about a final and permanent solution to the five-month old war.

Furthermore, Iraq agreed to discuss problems between the two countries through direct negotiations or any other form under the auspices of the peace mission, set up by the Organization of the Islamic Conference in January, INA said.

According to the agency, President Hussein stressed that an honorable settlement for the conflict should be based on mutual respect for each party's sovereignty, security and legitimate national interests. Iran should also "respect the Arab nation's security, rights and sovereignty, especially those of Arab states overlooking the Gulf," the Iraqi leader said.

The mission, which arrived in Baghdad Sunday from Tehran held another round of talks Monday with Iraqi officials led by President Hussein, the agency said.

INA quoted mission leader Ahmad Sekou Toure, the Guinean president, as saying Sunday night that the team did not carry any specific proposals to end the conflict. "But instead it was carrying with it the deep wishes of the Islamic peoples that the fighting stop," INA said President Hussein also told his guests that "we want both Iraq and Iran to live with honor and full freedom on their territory and in their homeland."

He said the Iraqis "wrongly understand Iraqi proposals on achieving a peaceful settlement for the conflict. They imagine that Iraq's dislike for war was because it is afraid of fighting."

The Iraqi state radio reported President Hussein told the goodwill mission Monday he wants the disputed border waterway of Shatt Al-Arab under full Iraqi sovereignty as a pre-condition for peace.

The Baghdad broadcast said the 43-year-old president stressed there would be no Iraqi withdrawal without an unequivocal Iranian recognition of Iraq's sovereignty over the Shatt.

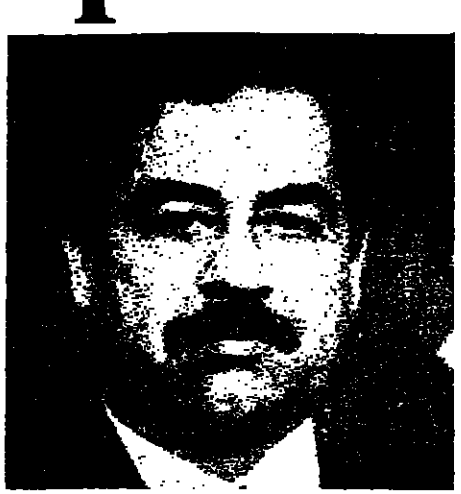
Meanwhile, President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr said Monday an "international commission could sit in judgment" on the conflict with Iraq once Iraqi forces were pulled out from all war-conquered Iranian territory, Iran's official Pars News Agency reported.

The statement appeared to mean Iran is now willing to accept international arbitration of the border disputes that touched off the current war with Iraq.

Pars said the Iranian position was conveyed by Ayatollah Khomeini to the goodwill mission. All previous statements from the Tehran government insisted Iran would "consider" a cease-fire only after Iraqi forces were out from all war-conquered Iranian territory.

Whether the apparent conditional acceptance of arbitration would herald a breakthrough in the quest for peace between the Gulf's two strongest military powers remains to be seen.

In his interview with Pars, Bani-Sadr said President Hussein's threat last month to conquer more Iranian territory and cities if Iran failed to come to peace on his own terms left



President Saddam Hussein

Iran no other choice but to continue the war. "Therefore we are determined to resist aggression and hope to achieve the peace the Imam (Khomeini) had outlined to the (Islamic) delegation," said Bani-Sadr. "The aggressors should leave the soil of our country and then an international commission can sit in judgment."

Iran's ambassador to Kuwait, the closest Arab country to the warfront, was quoted by



Ayatollah Khomeini

Arabic newspapers in Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates last month as saying Iran was willing to have the conflict with Iraq arbitrated by Algeria and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

But Iraq turned a deaf ear to Ali Shams Ardakani's proposal. Khomeini also called on the commission to judge whether Iran or Iraq was the aggressor in the 23-week-old war and then join the fight against it.

Japan's royal couple leaves

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Japan's Crown Prince Akihito and his wife Princess Michiko left for home after a three-day visit to the Kingdom, their first to an Arab country. They were seen off by Crown Prince Fahd and other senior officials, including the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Japan Zain Dabbagh.

Dabbagh described the visit as fruitful and will contribute to the deepening of mutual relations.

Earlier, in the morning Prince Akihito met with leaders of the Japanese community and managers of companies operating in the country. On Sunday he was the guest of honor at a dinner given by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman which was attended by Prince Fahd and other princes and ministers.

During his stay, Prince Akihito had lunch with King Khaled at his desert retreat and visited Dairiyya, the historic capital of the country.

1,000 Iranians demonstrate in U.S.

LOS ANGELES, March 2 (Agencies) — Two persons were arrested and scattered fighting was reported as more than 1,000 Iranians representing three conflicting political factions demonstrated in MacArthur Park here Sunday. No serious injuries were reported.

Police sergeant Don Van Velzer said officers tried to keep the three groups apart, but were not always successful as fistfights broke

out and a few rocks and bottles were thrown. Abolfazl Afrano, 24, of Los Angeles, and Wali Mills, 23, of Newport Beach, California, were arrested, authorities said.

About 200 officers were called in for crowd control as the pro-Shah, pro-Khomeini and Communist Iranian groups shouted slogans and taunts during the four-hour demonstration, Van Velzer said.

Hejaz panel takes 'right decision'

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — The Hejaz Railroad Project Committee has reached what it termed the "right decision" about a feasibility report prepared by a foreign company to rebuild the line.

The committee is made up of the communications ministers of Saudi Arabia, Syria

and Jordan. They have been meeting here for the last three days to study a report submitted by the German firm Dorsch Consult and the German state railroad organization, Deutsche Bundesbahn, under a \$4.5 million contract.

Weinberger schedules Mideast visit

CAIRO, March 2 (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger is scheduled to visit Egypt and a number of other Mideast countries in June, the new weekly *May* reported in its first edition Monday.

The paper, organ of the ruling National Democratic Party, said Weinberger would be coming to discuss Egypt's needs in military supplies. Following the 1979 signing of the

Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty the United States agreed to supply Egypt with \$3.5 billion worth of arms, including F-4E Phantom jets and M-60 tanks.

Weinberger's visit would be the second to the region by a member of the New Reagan administration. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig is scheduled to arrive here April 5 for a two-day visit.

Africa's 5 m refugees plead for aid

By Nick Worrall

ETHIOPIA, March 2 (ONS) — With more than half the world's 10 million refugees now concentrated in Africa, the continent's leaders are to ask for \$1.250 million in international aid.

The refugee problem is increasing daily as a result of drought, famine and war, prompting the Organization of African Unity to ask the United Nations to convene a special appeal conference in Geneva in April.

To impress aid donors, predominantly the Western nations and Japan, the U.N. High Commission for Refugees has been showing a group of writers on relief problems some of Africa's worst-hit regions — in Somalia,

Ethiopia, Zimbabwe and Cameroon.

The tour organizer is senior UNHCR official Leon Davico. At the weekend he took us to Degahbour camp in the drought-ridden Ogaden region of Ethiopia, where 10,000 people live in crude huts on barren ground some 30 miles from the border with Somalia. Across that border more than a million people are living in refugee camps supported by a huge relief operation.

Davico told me that by the end of last month most of Africa's 50 nations had submitted pleas for refugee aid totaling \$1.250 million. He said practically every African country now had at least five thousand refugees.

This vast sum of money would be in addition to the estimated \$500 million that the UNHCR will have to spend this year on refugees not only in Africa but around the world.

Nearly a third of Africa's refugees are in Somalia, where the 1,500,000 in camps get barely enough to eat and drink. Far worse problems are expected next month, as rivers dry up.

Ethiopia is appealing in Geneva for \$55 million to resettle almost 300,000 people who fled years of war in Eritrea and the Ogaden and who are now returning to find their homes destroyed by war and their land spoiled by almost continuous drought since 1973.

Other African states in trouble include Sudan, which is trying to care for half-a-million refugees from Ethiopia, Chad and Uganda; Zaire which has 300,000 refugees, many from Angola; Algeria, which claims 52,000 refugees; and Angola, which has 40,000. The list is almost endless.

The West's response is likely to be far smaller than the stricken countries are hoping. A similar conference in 1979 for South East Asia raised \$320 million, plus promises of settlement for 230,000 people, a total considered a good response at the time. Since then, however, world recession and policy decisions to cut aid by, for instance, Britain and the United States, have reduced the potential of aid likely to be offered.

Carrington to meet PLO's Arafat

NEW YORK, March 2 (R) — *Newsweek* magazine has said that Lord Carrington the British foreign secretary is planning a formal meeting with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. It quoted British sources as predicting a meeting in the Middle East, probably after July when Lord Carrington becomes head of the European Common Market's Council of Ministers.

Lord Carrington wants President Reagan

Egypt won't help Syria, poll says

TEL AVIV, March 2 (R) — Most Israelis believe Egypt would not come to Syria's aid if a war were to break out between the Zionist state and Syria, according to a poll published Monday.

The poll, carried out by the Public Opinion Research Institute (PORI) for the *Haaretz* daily newspaper, asked a sample of 1,200 Israelis if they thought Egypt would interfere

to accept the Common Market view that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) should be included in Middle East peace talks, *Newsweek* said Sunday. The United States, sponsor of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, has said that the PLO must first recognize Israel's right to exist. The magazine said a PLO information officer, Mahmoud Labadi, met British officials in London last week, presumably to arrange the meeting.

In such a war or would remain neutral. Of the sample, 50.7 per cent said Egypt would stay out of the conflict, while 29.8 per cent said Cairo would come to Syria's assistance.

A further 16.1 per cent were not sure how Egypt would behave in such circumstances. Israel has occupied the Golan Heights for 13 years after taking it from Syria in the 1967 Middle East war.

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Haj tents must be fire resistant

By a Staff Writer

MECCA, March 2 — Saudi Arabia will warn all Islamic countries that a pilgrim's tent will not be permitted during the Haj unless it is treated to retard fires the Central Pilgrimage Committee meeting under Mecca's Deputy Governor Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen decided Sunday.

The committee examined a detailed report by a sub-committee that was formed two weeks ago to discuss methods to improve tents and avoid accidents during pilgrimage. Hundreds of thousands of Muslims from around the world converge here every year to perform one of the five pillars of Islam. The report was signed by representatives from

Book exhibit opened

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman opened the fourth Riyadh International Book fair here Sunday. The exhibition, organized by Riyadh University, comprises more than 40,000 books representing more than 400 publishers. The publishers include 60 from Saudi Arabia, and the remaining came from the Arab and Islamic worlds, Europe and America.

Meanwhile, Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter met with the Iraqi educational delegation led by Khalil Ibrahim, the director of secondary education. Educational cooperation between the two countries was reviewed during the meeting.



Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen

Postal pact signed

JEDDAH, March 2 — The Republic of China will send postal experts to Saudi Arabia under a cooperation and exchange program signed between the two postal departments. The director of postal services in the Western Region, Samir Banaja said two experts will arrive here soon. This was stated during a dinner party in honor of his Chinese counterpart Chien Er-kan, who is visiting the country and inspecting postal institutions.

civil defense and the Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments. Prince Saud said Interior Minister Prince Naif, the committee's president, is extremely interested in the subject.

All Islamic countries will be called upon to cooperate with the Saudi government by warning their nationals before they leave on Haj this coming season. Unless the tents are immune against fire they will not be erected, Prince Saud said. And he added that "the decision is irrevocable."

At the same time, Prince Saud addressed an appeal to Saudis intending to perform Haj this year to take all necessary precautions for their tents to be safe before leaving for Mecca, or else they might be delayed. There will be special centers in major Saudi Arabian cities for treating the tents against fire. The centers' location will be announced soon, the prince said.

The committee also examined several bids by national firms on substitutes for tents. Among the various Saudi Arabian products that might be used as an alternative to tents are locally prefabricated storage units made of various materials like iron and thermal isolators.

Police to undergo training

LONDON, March 2 (LPS) — Senior officers from Saudi Arabia's Public Security Department are to attend courses this year run by two police forces in north-west England.

Half of the 40 Saudi officers due to begin the intensive six-month period of study in April will go to the Cheshire Constabulary's training establishment in Crewe, while the other 20 will go to the Greater Manchester Police training school.

Like fellow-officers who took the command course in Manchester last year,

Agricultural projects approved

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh approved the establishment of three agricultural and poultry projects Monday. The three projects will cost SR41 million, it was reported.

The licensed projects include a poultry farm to be located in Medina on a 220 donum area. The farm is expected to produce 1.3 million eggs and 720,000 chickens annually. The project will cost SR5.2 million. The second project, to be built in Taif, will produce 3.15 million chickens a year. It will cost SR32.8 million.

The third project will produce wheat and animal fodders and will be located at Wadi Nissah in Kharij. Built in an area of 72 hectares, the farm is expected to produce 160 tons of wheat, 160 tons of grain and 740 tons of fodder plants. The total cost for building



(Arab News photo) ENERGY FORUM: Deputy Minister of Industry and Electricity, Mahmoud Taiba (second from right) inspects a generator in the French section of the Middle East Electricity Exhibition running until March 5. The ministry itself is participating in the exhibition, featuring development in the Kingdom throughout the past 30 years and plans for industrialization and electricity supply in the future. More than 200 specialist electrical manufacturing companies, including seven out of the ten largest heavy electrical engineering concerns in Europe, Japan and the United States are joining leading Saudi companies in this first specialist electrical exhibition in the Middle East. Six overseas governments have backed joint venture exhibits.

Media covers Fahd interview

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd's statement to the German magazine *Der Spiegel*, received wide coverage in all media Sunday and Monday. Arab newspapers frontpaged the interview and highlighted his declarations of policy. Arab Radio services also featured the interview prominently.

At the same time foreign news agencies, and other media, reproduced the most important sections of the interview as indications of Arab and Islamic policies and thinking.

Special emphasis was laid on Prince Fahd's affirmation that the Kingdom is determined to have a strong and modern army to be able to defend itself and ward off aggression. They also referred to his announcement that arms purchases should not be affected by political and ideological considerations between buyer and seller.

The media expressed its pleasure that Prince Fahd preferred to buy arms from friendly countries, especially the U.S. and those in Europe willing to sell the arms the Kingdom wants because Saudi Arabian armed forces have been trained and are used to Western arms and weapons systems.

Important announcement

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These projects, approved by the agriculture minister, are part of a series of agricultural and poultry projects owned by the private sector and financed by the Agricultural Development Bank in accordance to the government's agricultural incentive policy.

Saudia to begin service incentive

JEDDAH, March 2 — Saudia, the national carrier, will begin a program of service reward for its employees beginning this month, according to Abdullah Al-Nuwaissir, the airline's information director.

He said the program is being introduced as an incentive to raise the efficiency and output of the employees. The incentive will include an annual efficiency allowance of 10 per cent of the salary and housing allowance equal to two salaries, but not less than SR 12,000. A cash reward of half-a-month's salary for every five years of service would be given to Saudi Arabians listed on the salary schedule for Saudi employees, and who have completed a continuous service of five years or more, he added.

Meanwhile, Saudia has for the first time signed a catering contract with SAS Catering, a subsidiary of the Scandinavian Airlines. Under the contract, the company would train Saudi Arabian youth so they can take over within the next five years, he added.

Nuwaissir said the catering unit would provide meals at Jeddah's new King Abdul Aziz airport for Saudia flights and all other airlines operating on the Kingdom's routes.

COMMENT

By Rashed Al-Hamdan

Private hospitals are a good social phenomenon that has attracted the imagination of wealthy people. With a view to combating and eradicating poor health, a number of hospitals have been opened in the principal towns of the Kingdom. But a city as big as Riyadh does not have enough hospitals to conform to its growth and population increase.

A discussion on private hospitals revealed that they face obstacles from officials of the health ministry. Not by way of criticism but with an analytical view we notice that anyone intending to build a private hospital in Riyadh must first obtain a copy of conditions and requirements from the health ministry.

Being faced with chronic problems in the field of health, the ministry always has shown interest in finding people to help it in this field. But those wishing to build private hospitals say they don't get cooperation and facilities from the health ministry. As a result of this, they say, their interest dies down and they are unable to serve the people and the country.

Some of them say that Jeddah has many hospitals because there are facilities to build them. Though quite unable to understand what actually is meant by "facilities", I feel that this vital public facility ought to be subsidized, as is the case in the field of agriculture, housing and loans. Loans and subsidies in the field of health seem to be a necessity, especially in big towns which are becoming over-crowded.

There is no doubt that a large metropolis like Riyadh stands in need of facilities for those intending to build private hospitals. The idea might receive weight owing to the fact that the crown prince himself has chaired the meeting of the Higher Committee for the development of Riyadh.

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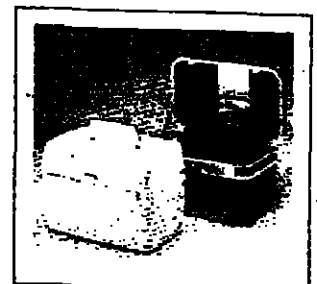
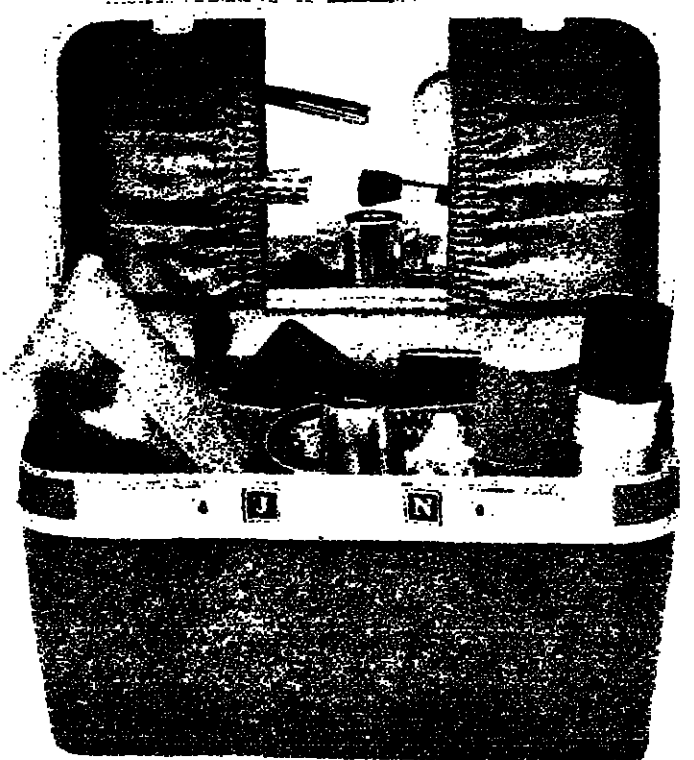
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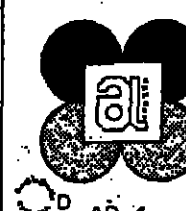
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Solving problems through needles

Acupuncture opens shop in Jeddah

By Farouk Luqman
JEDDAH, March 2 — A Chinese lady doctor working in the city has succeeded in helping her patients give up smoking by treating them with acupuncture.

Dr. Hsin Hong Ying of the New Jeddah clinic told *Arab News* that the treatment is even to chain smokers by injecting needles in their ears which connect with the lungs. After several 20 minute sessions the urge to smoke vanishes. One man, successfully treated by Dr. Ying, confirmed that he had given up smoking completely. "I used to be a four-pack smoker," he said. "Shortly after the treatment started I began to notice that the craving for a smoke had decreased and by the time the course was completed, I had given up smoking for the first time in over 25

years of this dangerous habit," he added.

Dr. Ying is a qualified medical practitioner having graduated from the China Medical College as a conventional doctor while studying acupuncture at the same time. "I believe that acupuncture can be an effective way of treatment in many ailments," she said at her office. This is especially so in cases of functional disturbances like sprains and unexplained pain but she can also handle other problems, in fact 30 of them.

The ailments include trauma, headaches, lumbago, sciatica, chest pain, HIVD, myoclonic, hiccup, whiplash injury or torticollis, knee joint pain, shoulder joint, pain post operative conditions, insomnia facial palsy, rhinitis, skin allergy and common skin conditions, herpes zoster, back pain, asthma, Meniere's disease, vertigo, tinnitus, functional G-1 disturbance, abdominal pain, menopause, psychosomatic reaction, vision improvement by treating myopia, rheumatism, hysteria, impotence, smoking which she considers a disease — and overweight which leads to high blood pressure and heart trouble later on.

As Dr. Ying talked, a French woman emerged from behind the screen where she had been undergoing treatment. Her ailment was almost chronic headaches, which gave her a feeling of misery and pain in the forehead and left side of the head. She had gone through several French specialists for conventional treatment, but was unable to get rid of the recurring pain which devastated her day when it happened. The last French specialist advised her to see an acupuncturist as a last resort. She was not sure she would find one in the Kingdom since she was packing to join her husband here. But Dr. Ying had set up an office and started practice.

The woman has been receiving treatment the last few weeks, daily at first then every other day for 20 minutes at a time. Since she has been dealing the pain for a full three years she was not quite willing to admit improvement. "Satisfactory," she said. The headaches, caused by an ear block still come and go, but the severity has been reduced.

The whole operation looks simple but the philosophy behind it is that without the use of drugs, the human body may be cured by touching the right nerve which leads to the cause of the pain. By applying varying degrees of pressure the nerves respond positively and fight off the reason for the pain as in the case of the French woman. A leading acupuncture specialist in Hong Kong, who has been devoting his practice to eye ailments has reported astounding successes in treating diseases incurable by conventional methods. His case histories, which appeared in the Hong Kong newspapers, included that of an elderly Chinese woman who began to see once more after a lifetime of blindness.

But doctors who do not practise acupuncture are divided. Some believe in its effectiveness in certain areas of human suffering, but others are skeptical. He said he was not willing to accept that it worked because of the complexity of the human body and its functions. He singled out abdominal ailments and said: "Allright, Dr. Ying claims that she can treat such cases, but which ones. There are hundreds of abdominal diseases." When told about the story of the chain smoker he said it might have been coincidental. "The man wanted to give up smoking and he used the acupuncture as the physical boost to his psychological readiness to kick the habit," he said. Well at least acupuncture has helped somebody regain his sanity and self control and stop inhaling 80 coffin nails a day.



SEMINAR: Medina Governor Prince Abdul Mubeen bin Abdul Aziz discusses various aspects of Arab cities with officials from Arab countries. The prince dedicated and toured a special exhibition showing various planning designs for cities.

New scanner to aid doctors in diagnosis

By Krishnan Nayar

JEDDAH, March 2 — The King Saud Hospital near Jeddah port will have an electronic scanner when its expansion scheme underway is completed in about 18 months. Consent of the authorities to purchase the scanner has been obtained according to Dr. Ibrahim Kattan, surgeon and director of the hospital.

Patients could be subjected to scanning and the "electronic wonder" will pinpoint the area that is afflicted. This makes detection of the ailment easier, and once the disease is diagnosed, treatment can start immediately. Wherever the electronic scanner has been introduced, it has become very popular as one can drive into the hospital for a check-up, Dr. Kattan said.

He added the scanner will be very useful in detecting cases of tumor, cancer and blood clots. He was sure it will become instantly popular in the Kingdom.

The hospital, which at present has 30 functional beds, will have a new wing costing SR6 million, the construction of which will start in two to three months. The new wing for 30 functional beds will be completed in 15 months.

The expanded setup will have modern instruments and equipment so that any type of operations can be performed. Equipment worth between SR4 million and SR6 million will be procured, Dr. Kattan added.

The expanded hospital will have increased facilities for X-ray examination and treatment. At present, about 700 persons visit the hospital daily, many from the southern areas of the Kingdom. A nominal fee of SR 5 is charged for examination and treatment. But the demand is growing and hence the expansion plans, the doctor added.

Poultry efforts growing

JEDDAH, March 2 — A British poultry-breeding company, which has broken the world record for the fastest-growing broiler fowls, is increasing its exports to the Middle East. It has developed regular business with many Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia, according to a British embassy press statement Monday.

D. B. Marshall Ltd, of Scotland, export by air commercial broiler chicks specially bred for rapid growth. The chickens are then fattened up locally for consumption. The company also exports breeding stock to the Kingdom. The statement said that apart from live birds, the company has a substantial export market in frozen chickens to many Middle East countries.

Seven digits become uniform Phone number change ends

RIYADH, March 2 — The Ministry of Communications has announced that, during Safar, Saudi telephone numbers will be changed to a uniform seven-digit numbering system, giving citizens across the Kingdom the same standard of telephone operation employed in all advanced countries.

In addition, the old two-digit service codes are converted to three digits in Safar, allowing everyone easier access to Saudi Telephone's emergency telephone numbers, ministry statement said.

Saudi Telephone's statistical report for the month of Safar shows that almost 500 lines are installed every day across the Kingdom, bringing the monthly total of automatic lines to 14,600. Riyadh district achieved its largest increase, with 3,800 new lines. In the past 10 months, 34,700 lines were placed, the kingdom has now gone over the 350,000 mark, with a current total of 354,000 automatic lines working for private citizens and businesses, the ministry said.

The increase in working telephones was matched by an increase in the installed capacity of the entire system. During Safar a total of 14 exchange cutovers took place.

While Saudi Telephone was adding new numbers, its service to existing subscribers

surged ahead. During the month 44 new international trunk circuits were put in place, allowing customers easier access to many other countries. National trunk circuits increased by 2,871, totalling 54,787 trunk circuits, the statement added.

Government circles and businessmen were given a boost during Safar when Saudi Telephone added more than 290 telex loops to the network: 129 in Riyadh and 105 in Jeddah. The total number of telex services in the Kingdom is now an impressive 8,950, the PIT ministry reported.

Saudi Telephone's repair crews surpassed last month's excellent performance: in Safar the eight hour clearance rate was the best to date for the Kingdom. Jeddah and Riyadh districts cleared 80 per cent and 73 per cent respectively of all troubles within eight hours. Over 95 per cent of all troubles were cleared Kingdom-wide within 36 hours. Due to constant surveillance and maintenance, over 99.6 per cent of all subscriber lines operated without fault per day. All maintenance problems can be reported by simply dialing 904.

During Safar customers received the best service enjoyed to date by the rapidly expanding Saudi Telephone network. The percentage of customers receiving dial tone within 3 seconds was 99.5 per cent the highest ever achieved for this indicator, the report said.

The number of cables damaged by excavating contractors per 1,000 working lines took another drop during Safar, falling from 1.27 to 1.03 damages. Saudi Telephone's free cable location service is partly responsible for this success, as are the enforced government guidelines regarding severe penalties for disrupting the lives of citizens by cutting cables. Saudi Telephone's cable location service can be obtained by dialing "906", the ministry added.

Army commanders meet

SLAMABAD, March 2 (SPA) — Navy gallier Muhammad Onn Al-Barakat, commander of Saudi Arabia's naval forces, arrived here Sunday with Admiral Ahmad Rahman Niaz, his Pakistani counterpart. Talks dealt with issues of mutual interest. Barakat arrived here Saturday on a week official visit to Pakistan.

Forgers sentenced to jail

JEDDAH, March 2 — Two Yemeni nationals were fined SR 1,000 each and imprisoned for forging passports, according to an Interior Ministry statement. It said that Abdul Malik Muhammad Al Haj was found

guilty of forging somebody else's passport in his name while the other, Muhammad Hassan Al Saghir, was found guilty of a similar offense. Al Haj also was recommended for deportation after the period of imprisonment.

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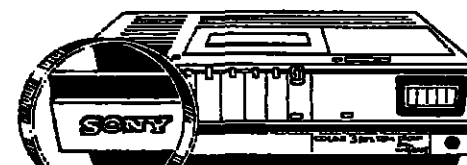
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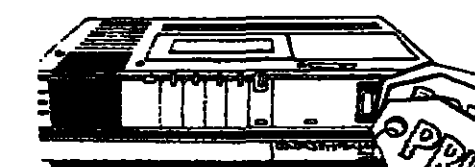
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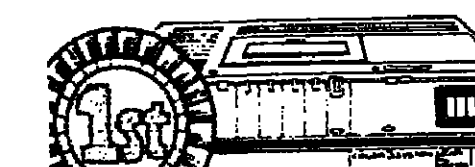
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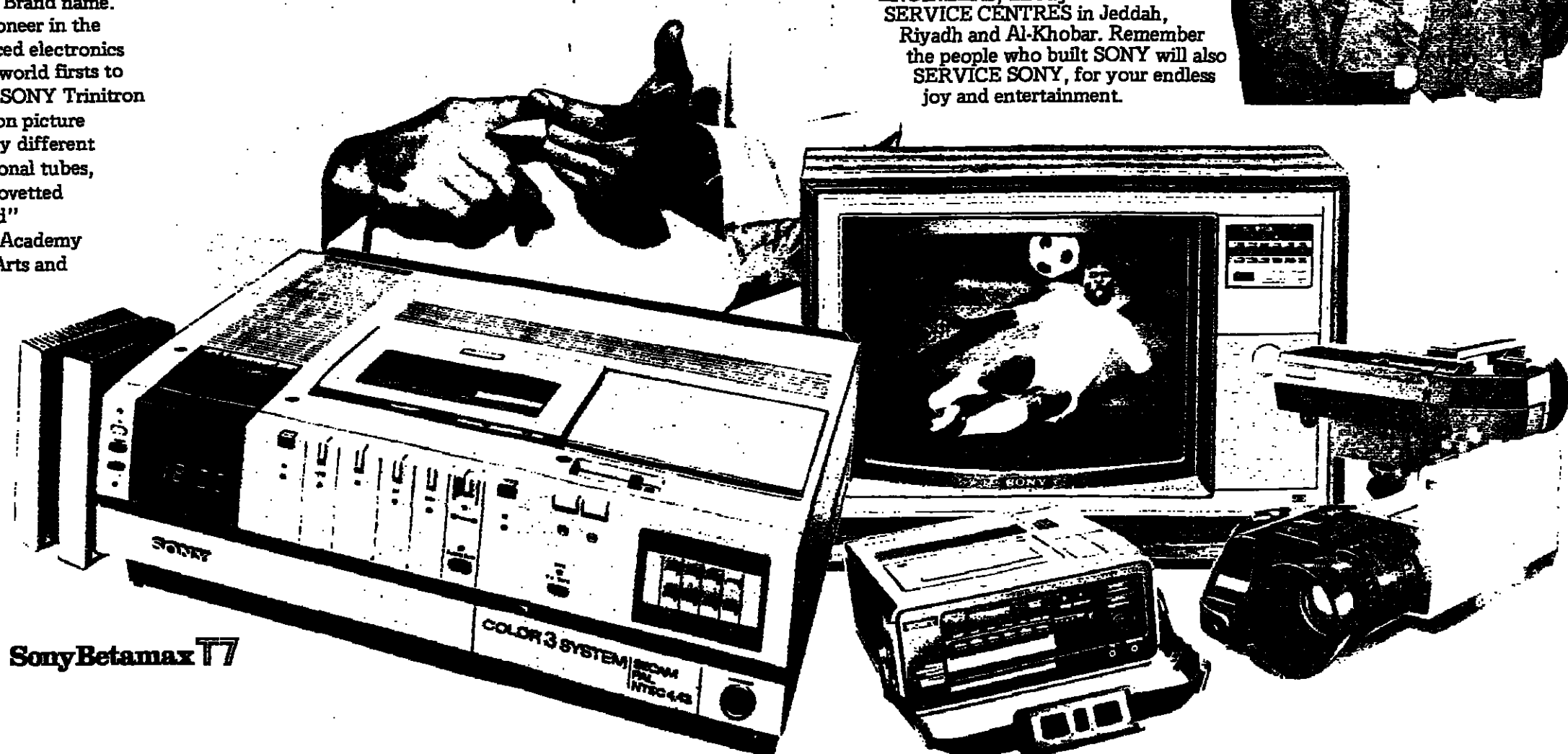
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Against South Africa

U.N. begins debate on economic boycott

UNITED NATIONS, March 2 (R) — A campaign for full-scale economic sanctions against South Africa opened at the United Nations Monday. The General Assembly was reconvened especially to deal with the territory of Namibia (Southwest Africa).

Frustrated by a long series of failures to bring the country to independence, African states are proposing that the 154-nation Assembly recommend urgent action by the Security Council to impose a total boycott on South Africa, which rules Namibia/SWA in defiance of U.N. resolutions. Their demand presents the new U.S. government with its first important U.N. challenge.

Britain, France, West Germany and

Laos refugees seek U.N. talks

PARIS, March 2 (AFP) — Laos is a forgotten land that has suffered "injustice and discrimination" and deserves a United Nations-backed conference designed to bring a Vietnamese withdrawal from its territory, a group of Laotians in exile have said here.

A statement issued Sunday by a Laotian refugee committee complained that the plight of Laos has not attracted the kind of political and diplomatic concern that Kampuchea has. "Laos has been raped by the construction of the Ho Chi Minh trail, then deprived of its king, and is now occupied by more than 50,000 Vietnamese soldiers," the statement said.

The international conference could also have the mission of "giving the Laotian people the chance to freely elect its political leaders under international surveillance."

Another widow faces trial in China

PEKING, March 2 (AFP) — The widow of radical Communist party theoretician Kang Sheng has been removed from her National People's Congress (NPC) seat as a prelude to court hearings linked to the recent trial of Mao Tse-tung's widow Jiang Qing, New China News Agency (NCNA) said Sunday.

Cao Yiu had been "recalled" for taking part in the "conspiratorial activities" of Jiang Qing, who received a suspended death sentence in January, and of Mao's disgraced one-time heir apparent, Lin Biao.

NCNA said a resolution depriving Cao of her seat, passed by the Peking municipal People's Congress standing committee, had been submitted to the NPC standing committee, for the record. Kang Sheng, a party vice

chairman at the time of his death in 1975, was posthumously expelled from the party in October, just before the opening of the Jiang Qing trial.

Kang has been accused, like Jiang Qing, of "serious counter-revolutionary crimes" during the cultural revolution from 1966 to 1976. His widow, who has several times been criticized in the official press, among other things for taking works of art and antiques during the cultural revolution, was also listed in the indictment against Jiang Qing.

Cao is expected to appear in court in the near future, NCNA described her case as "serious" and said it has aroused great popular indignation. Cao Yiu is still a member of the Communist Party central committee elected in 1977.

Canada, which joined the United Nations in drafting a settlement plan approved by the Security Council, also will have to decide whether to agree to coercive measures. Many diplomats believe the Western allies will shy off and plead for yet more time to bring South Africa to terms.

The decision to recall the General Assembly, in recess since January, was taken after U.N.-sponsored talks in Geneva on the Namibia/SWA problem collapsed. These were supposed to have led to a ceasefire between the guerrilla forces fighting a 14-year bush war against the South Africans in the northern area, the installation of a big U.N. military and administrative operation, U.N.-supervised elections and independence.

But South Africa and the local political parties it supports declined to go through with the plan, partly because they doubted the U.N.'s impartiality. The General Assembly recognized the guerrilla group SWAPO (the Southwest Africa People's Organization), as sole authentic representative of the Namibian people.

A resolution drafted by the U.N. Council for Namibia for submission to the General Assembly Monday proposes a further hefty subsidy for SWAPO, whose observer mission here is underwritten by the U.N. and receives millions of dollars in other U.N. aid.

The Reagan administration has not said whether it endorses the Western settlement proposals and many diplomats feel South Africa allowed the Geneva talks to fail because it believed it could count on new friends in Washington. Jeane Kirkpatrick, the new U.S. chief delegate, told reporters last week that the administration had still not formulated its Africa policy.



ROAD BLOCKS: Members of the former Rhodesian African Rifles gather at Love Road, west of Bulawayo, to cut off any attempt by ex-guerrillas to move toward the center of Bulawayo in Zimbabwe recently. (AP wirephoto)

Premier's appeal heeded

Thai Democrats to stay in coalition

BANGKOK, March 2 (AFP) — Members of the Thai Democrat Party who have threatened to resign en masse from the country's shaky coalition government Sunday decided to hold fire after an appeal by Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda.

30 German terrorists untraced, official says

COLOGNE, West German, March 2 (AP) — Following the arrest of a suspected West German terrorist in Australia, chief prosecutor Kurt Rebmann warned Sunday against underestimating the dangers still threatening from terrorism.

In an interview with the Cologne-based radio station Deutschlandfunk, Rebmann said some 30 terrorists belonging to the Baader-Meinhof gang and its branches were still at large. He said although some 30 suspected terrorists had been detained and police discovered over 30 secret apartments since September of 1977, those suspects still wanted constituted a considerable danger for this country's internal security.

Australian police, acting on a tip from their West German colleagues, arrested Peter Hans Knoll, 32, in the Sydney suburb of Peakhurst Saturday where he had rented a new apartment Feb. 21 under the name of Parington.

Minister Prem Tinsulanonda. "Things will remain as they are until we have had a chance to speak to the premier," a party spokesman said.

Gen. Prem, who is also the country's army chief, returned Sunday from the northern capital of Chiang Mai after reports that the Democrat Party ministers in the cabinet would resign Monday, threatening the collapse of the tenuous coalition government he formed a year ago.

The premier refused to make any statement at Bangkok's Don Muang airport on his arrival about 2 p.m. and was whisked off immediately in a military car. But it is believed he made the appeal Sunday morning to Democrat Party officials by telephone from Chiang Mai, where he saw King Bhumipol Adulyadej.

The Democrats threatened to resign from the government after allegations of corruption in parliament over a controversial oil deal. Democrat leader and Deputy Prime Minister Thanat Khoman said in a statement that he and his four party cabinet colleagues would resign Monday to give the prime minister a chance to form a new cabinet.

The other resignations included the minister of justice, a deputy industry minister, a deputy interior minister and a deputy minister of education. Gen. Prem has been attacked by other parties in the coalition for "weakness" in dealing with the problems that arose during the oil deal.

Dissatisfaction with the tenuous coalition

Chinese embassy intruders get 12-year terms

HONG KONG, March 2 (AFP) — A court has handed down 12-year jail terms to two ringleaders who organized the intrusion into the Chinese embassy in Hanoi by a truck carrying 16 persons on board last June 20, radio Hanoi has reported.

Five men, five women and six children aboard the vehicle tried to seek political asylum in the Chinese embassy but were handed to the Vietnamese authorities after nearly 12 hours of negotiations. After hearings held Friday and Saturday, the people's court in Hanoi jailed the two organizers, Le Si Thang, a 37-year-old artist, and Nguyen Dai Dang, a higher institute cadre of the same age.

Their brothers who were also accomplices, Le Si Tuan and Nguyen Ngoc Nong, were each sentenced to six years' imprisonment.

The radio said: "their actions bear a political character which, in fact, amounts to treason."

The court was told that Nguyen Ngoc Nong, a truck driver at an electric bulb factory in Hanoi had bribed Hoang Nghia Thang to steal a truck from the factory.

Thang received 18 months' imprisonment for misusing socialist property to create conditions for the defendants to commit a crime. After stealing the truck, Nong drove his accomplices and a number of relatives into the Chinese embassy compound in a bid to flee abroad.

Press booming in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, March 2 (AFP) — In the free-wheeling capitalist economy of this British colony adjacent to China, a free press is flourishing in general and the Chinese press is booming in particular. By the latest official count there are a total of 82 Chinese papers of all shades and sizes in Hong Kong, with a combined daily total circulation estimated by the advertising circle of 2.6 million.

Hong Kong has the second highest newspaper readership in Asia after Japan. For every 1,000 persons there are 490 copies of papers in Japan, 350 in Hong Kong and an average of 102 elsewhere in Asia. At ten U.S. cents a copy, the Chinese newspaper is still one of the cheapest sources of information and entertainment in a society gripped by double-digit inflation year after year.

Of the 82 Chinese papers, almost all printed by the offset process, only a handful are heavyweights while the majority are mosquito papers of one broadcast each, catering to special reader interests. The majors among the Chinese papers with their claimed daily circulations in brackets are *Sing Tao Jih Pao* (210,000), *Wah Kiu Yat Po* (130,000), *Ming Pao* (175,000), the *Oriental Daily News* (450,000) and the *Sing Pao Daily News* (300,000), all being independents.

Unwed father wins custody of child he never saw

JACKSON, Tennessee, March 2 (AP) — A Montana lawyer who went to the U.S. Supreme Court to fight for his parental rights as an unwed father is coming to Tennessee this week to take custody of his 25-month-old son whom he has never seen.

"I'm a little nervous," Robert Terrazas said in a telephone interview from his Missoula, Mont., office. "This has been a long fight." Terrazas, Texan who went to college in California, fought all the way to the Supreme Court for legal custody of the son who has given up for adoption by a former girlfriend shortly after he was born.

Lawyers say Terrazas' battle has for the first time established the right of an unwed father to have a voice in whether a child may be given up for adoption even though the mother agrees to give up custody. In Terrazas' case, the legal fight meant overturning a Georgia court order giving custody of the boy to a family that later moved to Jackson.

The story began when Terrazas was dating Roneva Anderson in Santa Clara, California, in 1977. According to court records, Miss Anderson became pregnant in 1978. Terrazas says he told Miss Anderson that he wanted to keep the child, but she broke off their relationship and, with the help of a Roman Catholic priest, established a home in Reno, Nevada, convent.

When the child was born, Miss Anderson gave him up for adoption. According to court records, the mother signed an affidavit claiming she did not know the identity of the father.

Tommy and Ann Marie Riggs, who then lived in Moultrie, Georgia, adopted the boy in proceedings in a Georgia court.

Terrazas, meanwhile, was trying to locate Miss Anderson and his son. "It wasn't an easy thing," he said last week. "It took a lot of time and effort."

The Riggs later moved to Jackson, and Terrazas, using court records, finally located the child and filed a lawsuit in Madison county chancery court to overturn the adoption and win custody.

Tennessee courts eventually ruled that Terrazas was entitled to custody of his son because the affidavit signed by Miss Anderson was fraudulent. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the state court decision a week ago.

The Riggs have declined to discuss the matter with reporters, but their attorney, Jame Outman of Atlanta, said last week they were upset by the court decision.

Terrazas, who is still single, said he recognizes that the change in parents may be traumatic for his son. "It isn't going to be easy, I know," he said. "I'm going to break it our relationship gradually."

Winds delay trans-Pacific balloon flight

TOKYO, March 2 (AP) — Gusting winds have forced a postponement of the launch of the *Double Eagle V* trans-Pacific balloon flight, Kyodo news service has reported.

The balloon, with its crew of three Americans and one Japanese, was to have lifted off from Nagashima, a resort 289 kms west of Tokyo, at about 10 p.m. (1300 GMT) Sunday. The balloonists hope to reach California, 9,699 kms away, in three days and if all remains well, sail on across the United States to the east coast.

The total trip of 74,400 kms would triple the existing record for a single balloon flight.



SEARCH FOR CHILDREN: Little Wayne Johnson pokes through some abandoned tires found in a wooded area as he joined more than 500 other volunteers Saturday who searched two Atlanta counties in the 20th weekend effort to find two missing black children and clues to the slaying of 19 others. (Wirephoto)

Anti-Vietnamese front

Sihanouk bid evokes mixed feelings

PARIS, March 2 (AFP) — Former Kampuchean head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk's proposal for an anti-Vietnamese front incorporating both the Khmer Rouge and Kampuchean nationalists has been greeted with mixed feelings among the prince's 60,000 compatriots exiled in France.

So far almost a dozen different Kampuchean organizations have either welcomed or condemned the prince's decision to call a conference early this month in Pyongyang between himself, Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan and In Tam, former prime minister under the Lon Nol republican government. However, Son Sann, head of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front, who has always so far opposed any alliance with the Khmer Rouge, could be conspicuous by his absence.

Despite their uncertainties over such a plan, the Prince's prestige is such that most Kampuchean in France would bury their differences and rally to him if he called them, according to Truong Mealy, a founder member of the Khmer Nationalist Foundation created in Pyongyang in September 1979.

But Mealy's predictions appear to be belied by the public denunciation of all military or political cooperation with the Khmer Rouge by two of the main Kampuchean organizations in France, the General Association of Khmers abroad and the Khmer Liberation Movement.

Supporting this stance are to be found the Kampuchean intellectuals who have come to

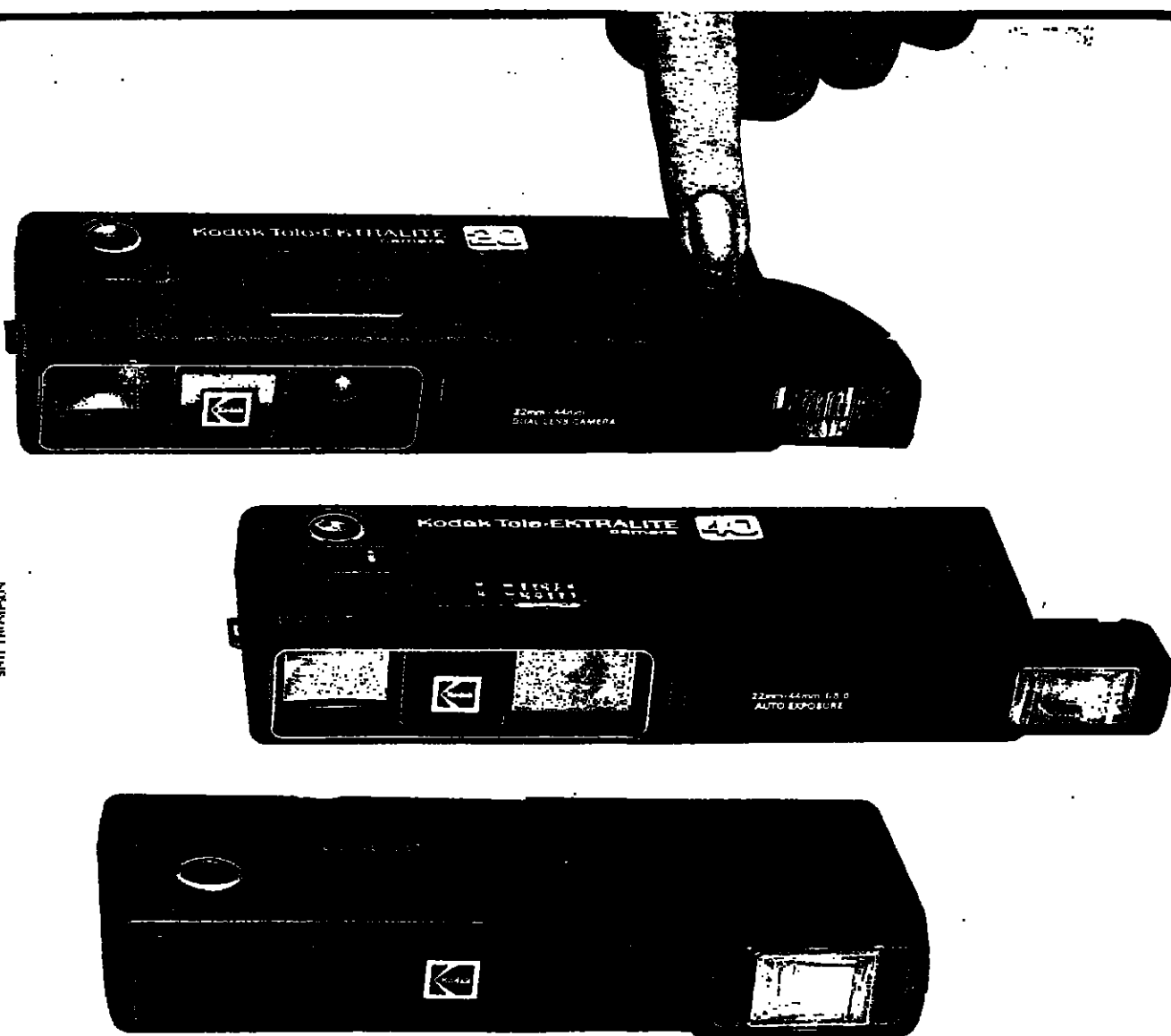
terms with a "fraternal though unsuitable alliance" with Vietnam. They include Kim Vien, a doctor of medicine, who once studied in French universities with Khieu Samphan and his Khmer Rouge partner Pol Pot, who believes, "the Vietnamese military presence in Cambodia will bring no Vietnamization or de-Cambodianization of the country."

Kim Vien, who has just returned from three weeks in Phnom Penh, said the Kampuchean did not welcome the Vietnamese intervention with enthusiasm but the greeted the fall of the Khmer Rouge with great relief.

"Today they know that three principal forces are present in Cambodia: the Vietnamese, the Khmer Rouge and Son Sann's nationalists. They also know that Son Sann's few thousand guerrillas could not prevent the Khmer Rouge returning to power, and it is for this reason that the Vietnamese presence is not only tolerated but desired," he said.

On the other hand many organizations in France do not trust the Vietnamese-installed Phnom Penh government of Heng Samrin. These organizations even allege that Pen Sovan, vice-chairman of the revolutionary council in Phnom Penh as well as defense minister and armed forces commander in chief is not really Kampuchean but a plant of Vietnamese, speaking perfect Cambodian and fully grounded in the country's culture.

Mealy predicted that Heng Samrin would last perhaps three years. "He says his authority is irreversible, but then so did Lon Nol and he went five years. So did Pol Pot, and he lasted four years," he pointed out.



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Weinberger seeks defense hike

Let's continue
SALT talks,
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WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP) — Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger will ask Congress to add \$3.3 billion to the 1981-1982 U.S. military budget. In an interview on NBC television, Weinberger said the increase — which former president Jimmy Carter had recommended — would put the military budget at \$177.7 billion for 1981 and \$222.8 billion for 1982. The Pentagon has prepared several military programs that will benefit from the increased funding, he said.

About \$2.5 billion will go to development of a modern bomber. Weinberger did not specify whether this would be the B-1, whose production was halted by Carter.

French jail escape resembles movie

PARIS, March 2 (AP) — French police have few leads in one of the greatest prison escapes in the nation's history — a 30-second helicopter breakout that strangely resembled actor Charles Bronson's film *Breakout*.

The two fugitives and their two rescuers have not been seen since they fled to a waiting car after ordering a helicopter pilot to land on a field in Paris about 20 miles north of the maximum-security prison where the escape occurred Friday. The pilot, who was ordered at gunpoint to land on a soccer field at the prison where an inmate game was in progress, was questioned for more than eight hours by police Friday.

Police said pilot Claude Fourcade, 48, was shown more than 400 mug shots of known criminals but was unable to identify the two mysterious men who had hired him for what was supposed to be a simple tourist flight from Paris south to Orleans in the Loire Valley.

In a peculiar twist, fourcade had worked on the set of *Breakout* and in several other films detailing prison escapes with the use of helicopters. Police have stressed Fourcade is

The greatest part of the additional funds, \$20 billion, will be devoted to strengthening non-nuclear land, sea and air defense, Weinberger said.

Under the new defense budget, the Carter administration's proposed navy shipbuilding program for 1982 will be doubled. Some \$840 million will be used for a new cruiser fitted with Aegis anti-aircraft missiles and about \$660 million will be put aside to the construction of a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier whose total price will be about five times that amount. Funds for the rapid deployment force will be raised by \$670 million.

A top Soviet diplomat meanwhile said in New York Sunday that the Soviet Union is prepared to continue strategic arms limitation talks "without delay," but will not "be a party of burying SALT II."

Alexander Bessmertnykh, the Soviet charge d'affaires in Washington, D.C., also said the Soviet Union was allowing the

not a suspect in the case and that his previous film work is only an eerie coincidence. Fourcade is considered France's top helicopter pilot and took the Friday job at the last moment when the pilot who was scheduled for the flight was unable to undertake it.

Police said Fourcade told them the man who hired the helicopter was blond, about 35 years old and called himself Monsieur Garnier. One of the fugitives is Gerard Dupre, 33, who is the suspect in a series of hold-ups, some of which involved hostages. The other escapee is Daniel Beaumont, 41, who has a long prison record for armed robbery and bank hold-ups.

The two men made their dash to freedom during a soccer game that had been scheduled for several days. They climbed into the helicopter as stunned and unarmed prison guards watched from the sidelines. By the time armed guards arrived at the scene, France's first helicopter prison escape had taken place. The breakout prompted the French judicial ministry to urge for better security control in all of the nation's prisons.

administration of President Ronald Reagan time to "firm up its position" on SALT II before it would agree to re-enter discussions on the treaty. The treaty's passage in Congress has been stalled since the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

However, speaking on the CBS program "Face the Nation," Bessmertnykh said "We shall not participate in talks which have the specific aim of crossing out the SALT II treaty or breaking down the principles on which the SALT I treaty is now being functioning and on which the SALT II treaty is now being signed."

The diplomat also repeated the Soviets' denial of reports that they had supplied arms to guerrillas in El Salvador. "There is no proof of it and no documents of it and there cannot be any documents of it because it is not true at all."

He also denied the "James Bondish ideas" he said were circulating in Washington that arms were supplied to the central American country through Soviet bloc countries and through Cuba, Vietnam and Nicaragua. "It's really a laughable story because the Salvadorans declare themselves that they can easily buy the weapons on the weapons markets which are quite abundant in Latin America," he said.

BRIEFS

PARIS, (AP) — A priceless collection of 19th and 20th century paintings originally owned by art dealer-publisher Ambroise Vollard, who helped Picasso, Renoir, Gauguin, Chagall and other modern masters sell their work, will be put up for auction here on March 19 and 20. The group includes Paul Cezanne's 1861 portrait of French writer Emile Zola, and *The Standing Guitarist* painted by Henri Matisse in 1903.

WASHINGTON, (R) — Giant galaxies 10 billion light years from earth have been identified for the first time and may help scientists determine whether the universe is expanding indefinitely or faced collapse inward on itself. The galaxies, the most distant celestial bodies ever observed, were studied by three scientists from California and Arizona whose report appears in the March 2 issue of *Astrophysical Journal*.

PANAMA CITY, (AP) — Former Panamanian President Roberto Francisco Chiari died here Sunday, one day before his 76th birthday. Chiari served as president of Panama twice, once in 1949 and again in 1960-1964.

WILSTER, (AP) — West German police said Sunday that 127 of their men were injured, seven of them seriously, during the previous day's clashes with demonstrators near the Brokdorf nuclear power plant project. Police declined to say how many demonstrators were injured in the clashes.

MANILA, (AP) — A Nigerian student was found hanging by the neck and in an advanced state of decomposition in his boarding house room here Sunday, it was reported Monday. The dead man, Olwile Longe, 24, a student of a downtown Manila University, was discovered by other students in the dormitory. He had last been seen alive a week ago, fellow students said.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — A total of 33 persons died and several were blinded in India's southernmost Kerala state after drinking poisonous liquor brought from government licensed stores, Kerala Excise Minister M.K. Krishnan said Sunday. Earlier reports had said that 25 persons died after consuming the brew last week at Pathinapuram.

NEW YORK, (AP) — Arnold Weissberger, a theatrical lawyer whose clients included Laurence Olivier, Orson Welles, David A. Selznick and Helen Hayes, has died at age 74. At the time of his death, the New York city resident had been working on his memoirs, to be titled *Double Exposure*.



SIX ON ONE: It was not to save money, but just fun, that forced these six men to use only one pair of skis together. Of course, it was not an Alpine or Nordic skiing competition, but a part of a carnival parade held in the small Austrian town of Steyring, near Linz, last week.

Expedition to North Pole

4 men to ski across Arctic

WARD HUNT ISLAND, Canada, March 2 (AP) — A four-man expedition has landed on this tiny island near the northernmost point of Ellesmere Island waiting for more favorable weather conditions to start skiing across the Arctic Ocean to the North Pole.

The expedition, led by Laurie Dexter, an Anglican priest from Arctic Bay, North West Territories, is attempting the first overland trip to the North Pole without air support or dog teams. Lee Houchins, a member of the Explorers Club of New York, one of the sponsors of the expedition, said Sunday in a telephone interview that the group landed at Ward Hunt Island, 21 nautical miles west of Cape Columbia on Ellesmere Island, at 10:55 a.m. EST.

Houchins, a resource associate with the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, said Ward Hunt Island instead of Cape Columbia will be the new departure point for the expedition to "take advantage of the more favorable terrain."

The landing place, a frozen lake on north-central Ward Hunt Island, was recommended

Search for ship crew renewed in Aleutians

JUNEAU, Alaska, March 2 (AP) — The coast guard renewed its air search Sunday for 19 missing South Korean crewmen who fell into the frigid north Pacific as they were trying to flee their fire-ravaged cargo ship. One body has been recovered.

Searchers made aerial passes over the snow-swept sea some 144 kms west of Attu Island, the westernmost point in the Aleutians, looking for survivors. Of the 26 crewmen originally on board the *Daurin*, three were rescued by Soviet ships, but one died Sunday. The whereabouts of three others, first thought to be still aboard the 1,500-ton vessel, was unknown.

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Bor claims Castro shot U-2 plane

NEW YORK, March 2 (AP) — A soon-to-be-published book by a former Cuban newspaper editor and aide to Fidel Castro contends the Cuban president "pressed the button" on a Soviet ground-to-air missile console in Cuba in 1962 and shot down an American U-2 spy plane flying over the island.

Carlos Franqui, who edited the official Castro movement newspaper *Revolucion* from 1957 to 1963, said Castro took command of the console and shot down the plane amid astounded Soviet generals who had been explaining the workings of the missile base in Pinar del Rio, west of Havana.

The body of the U-2 pilot, U.S. Air Force Maj. Rudolf Anderson, was returned to the United States shortly after the incident, which occurred during the six-day Cuban missile crisis. Castro's purported role in the incident is described for the first time in Franqui's book *Retrato de Familia* (family portrait).

Franqui, who sided with Castro guerrillas in the Sierra Mestra mountains during the revolution but left Cuba after the 1968 Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, was reached in Rome by telephone Saturday. He said the book will be published in mid-March by the Spanish Seix Barral Publishing Company and that several European weeklies will publish excerpts this week.

Franqui told the Associated Press that on Oct. 27, 1962, during the Cuban missile crisis, Castro had "a fit of anxiety" caused by the unresolved crisis, during which he was ignored as the two superpowers negotiated the fate of the island.

Franqui contends Castro "went to one of the bases with intent to create the incident in order to know if they were going to invade or not... if there was going to be a war or not." Franqui says that when Castro reached the Soviet base, he asked the technicians about the operation of the equipment, including the radar for the detection of enemy planes.

Shortly after, "the U-2 spy plane appeared in the radar screen. Fidel asked to know what had to be done in order to shoot down those planes in case of an attack," Franqui said.

"The Russians replied that it was enough to push a button and the enemy plane would be hit and shot down and showed him the button. Fidel then pressed the button and the plane came down amidst the consternation of the generals. The American pilot died, the only victim of the crisis," Franqui said.

Franqui also says in the book that it was "through a bulletin from the Associated Press that Castro found out that the Soviets had decided to withdraw the missiles from the island in an unilateral move, without consulting with him."

"I imagined that Fidel knew what was going on and I phoned him," Franqui said. When Castro answered, "I asked him what to do with the bulletin. Fidel did not know what I was talking about and asked me to read him the news."

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TENTATIVE MOVES

The desert war of North Africa in which the Algerian-backed Polisario front is fighting Moroccan control is the single most serious cause of tension in the region and it is with anticipation that the Arabs are watching tentative moves to improve the situation between Algeria and Morocco.

Since Spain withdrew from the mineral-rich but scantily-populated region five years ago, the Polisario, aided by Libya and Algeria has been waging a "war of liberation" to oust the Moroccans who took over the old Spanish colony. Mauritania which was Morocco's partner in the takeover and the subsequent war, opted out under pressure of the conflict. Its economy was ruined, the army demoralized and the people disenchanted.

Libya has been financing the supply of arms to the Polisario but the Algerian aid worries Morocco more. It consists of sanctuaries and training grounds which Morocco cannot hit without igniting a major war in the desert.

The problem is difficult and delicate. Morocco claims that the region belongs to it historically, geographically and ethnically and that it has merely recovered it from foreign colonial domination and exploitation. Algeria denounced the deal with Spain because it did not take the views of the 60,000 population into consideration. Because of mutual hostility between King Hassan of Morocco and the late Algerian leader Boumedienne, war broke out between the two countries using Polisario as a proxy.

The two countries have suffered from the war while enriching the coffers of their Western and Soviet arms vendors. The people themselves and the Polisario front fighters gained very little, if at all.

It is time for Algerian and Moroccan diplomacy to realize the folly of continuing this mutual destruction and for their leaders to meet and put an end to it. Without a meeting at summit level and the willingness to give and take, the war will go on with the people on either side paying an increasingly high price.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Crown Prince Fahd's interview with the German newspaper *Der Spiegel* was carried as the lead story in Saudi Arabian newspapers Monday. They gave prominence to Prince Fahd's reaffirmation that Saudi Arabia would buy arms from any source to build a modern army to defend the country.

Newspapers frontpaged King Khaled's welcome to Crown Prince Akihito of Japan Sunday. They also gave page one prominence to the Kingdom's ratification of the unified treaty for the investment of Arab capitals in Arab states. The Arab goodwill committee's talks with Iranian leaders in Tehran and later on their departure to Baghdad figured prominently on the front pages of the newspapers which also reported that Iran has agreed to amendments in the clauses of the Algiers accord between her and Iraq.

Newspaper editorials mainly concentrated on the crown prince's interview with *Der Spiegel*, reviewing the broad points on which Prince Fahd dwelled to explain the Kingdom's policy on several issues. *Al Riyadh* observed in an editorial that millions of rivals being spent on arms are not for any amusement, but a necessity created by threats from several forces.

In the midst of Zionist provocations, the states of the region would have no alternative but to build their own forces, said the paper, adding that pacts or any political and military trend is only another name of colonialism, no matter how different are its methods. Reviewing the crown prince's statement on the supply of German arms, the paper endorsed his views that the Kingdom is free to buy arms from any source in the world. It added that Prince Fahd's statement has made it clear that, although

the Kingdom is keen to take an independent and neutral attitude, it cannot afford to isolate itself from world circumstances.

Al-Jazirah noted that Prince Fahd was bold and very clear in his opinion when he declared that Saudi Arabia is free and would act according to its interest. He made it clear that the Kingdom's friendship with the countries of the world, mainly with Europe and the United States, cannot deny it the right to act in accordance with the national interest. The paper said that Israel's existence in the region makes it binding on Saudi Arabia to have a strong army capable of defending the homeland and restoring the legitimate rights of Arabs and Muslims. It further gave prominence to Prince Fahd's reaffirmation that the states of the Gulf are capable of protecting their security and stability without any foreign assistance.

On the same subject, *Okaz* said that, in view of challenges confronting the Middle East, necessitates the creation of a strong defensive force capable of realizing the region's aspirations for a just peace and lasting stability. The paper said the crown prince made it clear to the world that the Kingdom is free to buy its arms requirements from any source in the world. *Okaz* also highlighted his statement that the states of the Gulf do not stand in need of any trusteeship from any foreign power. It added that the comprehensive interview of Prince Fahd has brought the international community face to face with their responsibility toward the creation of a just peace in the area.

Al-Bilad said the crown prince laid bare the dimensions of hostile media campaigns which are making attempts to jeopardize the nation's progress and

By Ronald Koven

MADRID — The Spanish army's deputy chief of staff, who negotiated for the king during last week's coup attempt and was considered one of his most loyal officers, has been abruptly dismissed amid widespread speculation that the parliament takeover was part of a military plot involving top commanders. The attempt failed mainly because the generals misjudged the depth of King Juan Carlos' commitment to the democratic constitution developed in Spain's five-year transition from the rule of Gen. Francisco Franco, according to reports from foreign diplomats here and Spanish politicians and journalists.

The liberal afternoon newspaper *Diario 16* created a major sensation with a front-page banner on its final edition saying that the dismissed deputy chief of staff, Gen. Alfonso Armada, "was the key figure in the coup." The story said that unimpeachable political and military intelligence sources had identified him as playing a key role and possibly acting as the "mastermind."

This sensational allegation, which Madrid's major morning papers were planning to spell out in detail, was published shortly before the parliament met to continue the business that was interrupted when Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero Molina stormed into parliament — designation of a new premier to replace Adolfo Suarez.

In what appeared as something of an anticlimax to last week's events, Suarez' deputy premier, Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, won confirmation by a vote of 186 to 158 in the 350-member lower house. The vote that was being conducted was made necessary because Calvo Sotelo fell seven votes short of a majority on the first try the previous week.

Reliable Spanish political and military sources said that in a conversation between Armada and the king about 90 minutes after parliament was taken over, the general told Juan Carlos that there was widespread military support for a putsch but that it could succeed only if the monarch agreed to go along. The king replied that the plotters would have to kill him first, these sources said.

Juan Carlos was quickly called by two of Spain's nine regional commanders, who serve as the nine regional commanders. The two commanders of Catalonia and the Basque country, headquartered in Barcelona and Burgos, immediately rallied to the king, according to a version of the calls made public by the Barcelona commander.

Capt.-Gen. Jaime Milans del Bosch of the Valen-

cia region, meanwhile, went over to the rebellion, proclaiming a state of emergency suspending democratic freedoms in his region. He was arrested later for "repeated disobedience to orders."

After getting the backing of the Catalonia and Basque area commanders — controlling Spain's two most industrialized and autonomy-minded regions — the king called the armed forces joint chiefs of staff into session. According to the reports from Spanish political sources, he asked them to call the six remaining captains-general, but the chiefs hesitated to do so for at least two hours. The takeover of parliament was at 6:30 in the evening, and the king did not go on the air to order the military to obey him for almost seven hours, presumably because he was still counting his supporters.

Armada was only recently appointed to the post from which he was fired last week. He has moved from a provincial command and named a few days after Suarez resigned Jan. 29.

Reports circulating among foreign diplomats and

Spanish politicians for some time that Armada was part of a group, including prominent business and banking figures, advocating a stop to what they regarded as rot in the state over excessive grants of autonomous powers to Spain's regions and lack of vigor in the struggle against terrorism. The conservative newspaper *ABC* advanced Armada's name for prime minister four weeks ago.

Although no concrete evidence has surfaced, veteran observers here infer from the fact that Armada was named the mediator between the king and Tejero inside the parliament at Tejero's request, and the fact that a "competent military authority" promised by Tejero never showed up in parliament, that some officers wanted Armada to be voted in as premier by the hostage deputies.

Reliable sources say that while there was nothing in Armada's behavior to make the king immediately suspicious, Juan Carlos got alarming reports about the way he was conducting the negotiations with Tejero. Armada was replaced as the go-

between with Tejero about midway through the 18-hour captivity of parliament.

Other indications from military behavior at a more subordinate level in the Madrid region show that a number of officers were involved. For instance, the former commander of the Madrid region's key Brunete Armored division, who was transferred a year ago after rumors of involvement in plotting, reappeared at division headquarters last week and met with his old staff.

Various elements of the division played roles in the plot such as briefly taking over the state radio and television and reinforcing the civil guard captors in the parliament building with a unit of white-helmeted military police. Tejero, in what was then interpreted as bragging or wishful thinking, named a list in parliament of five military regions that had rallied to the coup. The list proved wrong, but some Spaniards wondered whether he had some good reasons for issuing it. (WP)

Why Spanish coup attempt failed

By Henry Gottlieb

BRUSSELS — Western European governments are struggling to increase military spending but politics and economic recession will stop most of them short of targets requested by the United States. At a time when U.S. President Ronald Reagan wants to add 20 per cent to his predecessor's \$196 billion defense budget, countries like Britain, Belgium and Norway are turning their pockets inside out to find money for new weapons.

West Germany faces political opposition to higher spending and in Denmark a sizable portion of the electorate thinks defense is not worth the cost.

An Associated Press survey of these and the seven other European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization shows that this year few governments will meet a 1978 goal to increase defense expenditures by 3 per cent a year above inflation. U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, in a statement greeted warmly in Europe, said the 3 per cent goal may be simplistic. Nevertheless, Reagan administration officials have said they still believe the European allies should do more for their defense.

To arguments that social welfare costs and budget restraints take priority over defense, Wein-

berger's deputy Frank Carlucci told an audience in Munich: "The hard truth is that none of us can have social welfare and economic prosperity unless our alliance is strong enough to maintain the peace and to protect our access to vital energy sources and raw materials." He said the U.S. Congress would be reluctant to spend more on military programs that help unless the European do more.

Most of the issues in the debate have surfaced in West Germany, where budget restraint has been prescribed for economic woes that include the worst unemployment in postwar history and high inflation. That country's 1981 defense budget is \$41.2 billion, a 2.2 per cent inflation-adjusted increase. Former U.S. Secretary of Defense Harold Brown called it a "severe disappointment."

Defense Minister Hans Apel says there is "growing pacifism" in the country and several parliamentarians of his own ruling Social Democratic Party made an unsuccessful bid to switch nearly half a million dollars from the defense budget to the foreign aid budget. Apel wants to spend more money on defense, but also wants the Reagan administration to appreciate what Europe is already doing.

He said European members provide 91 per cent of NATO ground forces, 75 per cent of the air forces and spend \$80 billion a year for defense of the continent.

Britain has been one of the most hawkish of U.S. allies. Defense Minister John Nott said the \$28.1 billion 1981 defense package would exceed the 3 per cent target this year.

Other British officials say, however, that in future years there may be some slippage. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has joined her European counterparts in calling the 3 per cent figure an aim, not a promise.

French officials and analysts are proud of the higher level of French defense spending, especially in light of its withdrawal from the NATO military arm in 1966. The 1981 French defense budget is expected to increase at about the same level as it did in 1980, when it rose 4.7 per cent adjusted for inflation.

"It's much easier to sell the defense budget in a nationalistic independence context," a leading independent military analyst said. All major political parties, including the Socialists and Communists, have adopted the strategy of an independent French nuclear force.

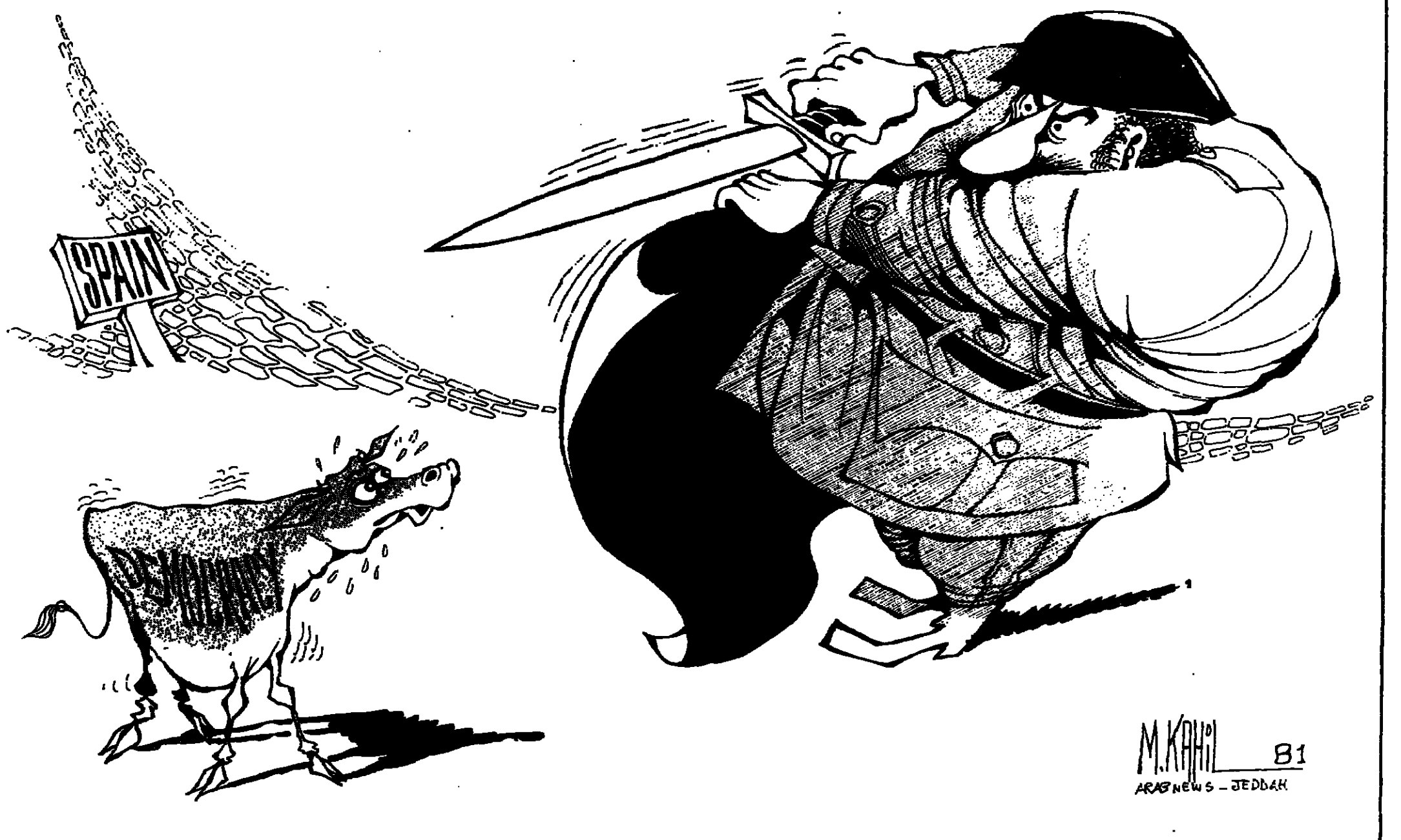
Italy also plans major weapons purchases and intends to spend 6 per cent more above inflation on defense in 1981 than last year. Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo said after last month's trip to Washington that U.S. officials were satisfied with Italy's performance.

Analysts at NATO headquarters point out that Italy had the furthest to go to catch up with its allies. In 1980 it spent \$6.5 billion on defense, about the same as Holland and Norway combined which together have about one-third Italy's population. Italy spent 2.4 per cent of its gross national product on defense in 1980, one of the lowest percentages in the alliance.

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TAKE A STROLL: Charles, the Prince of Wales, and his fiancée, Diana Spencer, (seen in photos) take a stroll in front of Buckingham Palace, London. The betrothal of the prince with Diana, announced last week, gave the quietest to speculation about their romance. The marriage is expected to take place this summer, probably July.



Diana Spencer next queen of Britain

By Robin Lustig

LONDON, (ONS) — After six months of non-stop speculation about his marriage plans, Prince Charles has finally put his people's minds at rest. Yes, he is going to marry Diana Spencer.

The formal confirmation came in a brief announcement from Buckingham Palace last week: "It is with the greatest pleasure that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh announce the betrothal of their beloved son, the Prince of Wales, to Diana Spencer, daughter of the Earl Spencer and the Honorable Mrs. Shand Kydd."

The marriage will be in the summer, probably July, and almost certainly in Westminster Abbey, scene of so many of Britain's ceremonial occasions. Diana is only 19 but for the past six months she has been subjected to an "ordeal of publicity" that has satisfied both Prince Charles and the country that she has what it takes to be queen. She has been discreet yet unfailingly polite to pressmen who have dogged her every step for weeks on end.

The Prince is 32 and has come under increasing pressure over the past few years to find himself a wife and "settle down". Although his mother, Queen Elizabeth shows no signs of intending to abdicate the throne, the country is conscious of the fact that he will, one day, be king and responsible for providing an heir to the throne.

Prince Charles proposed to Diana more than two weeks ago, before she flew to Australia for a brief holiday. He presented her with a sapphire and diamond engagement ring. The girl who will be queen is attractive and has a ready smile and neatly-cropped shoulder-length blonde hair. She has been working as a kindergarten teacher but will give up her job to prepare for the wedding. Her parents are divorced, and her step-mother is a daughter of the best-selling novelist Barbara Cartland. When Diana first came to public attention last September, she was photographed at her kindergarten with her back to the sun, revealing that she was wearing an exceedingly thin skirt and no petticoat. Despite that early embarrassment, she soon learnt how to cope with the demands of the press and never again put a foot wrong.

The announcement was scarcely unexpected. The morning editions *The Times*, which does not usually speculate on royal romances, ran a front-page report about the engagement. And the mass-circulation *Sun* newspaper ran a series of photographs showing that Diana visited Buckingham Palace last week for a meeting with the Queen and Prince Philip.

The Prince's decision to marry Diana will be highly popular with the people of Britain, who still have deep affection for the royal family and have long wished the young prince well. In many respects, since her family and his have long been friends, she fulfills the role of the "girl next door." So much so, in fact, that for a time, Prince Charles went out with her elder sister Sarah.

As a child, Diana knew the Queen well enough to call her "Aunt Lilibet." Friends of the two families say that the Prince used to treat her as a kid sister (he was already 13 when she was born) but last summer their friendship developed into romance.

There is a certain irony in the timing of the Prince's wedding. It comes when Britain is suffering from the worst economic recession since the 1930s, with one in 10 of its workforce unemployed.

When his sister Princess Anne married in 1973, Britain was about to be plunged into the miseries of the fuel crisis brought on by the OPEC oil embargo and a strike by coal miners which led to a three-day working week. Then, as now, a royal wedding did wonders for public morale and helped bring the country through a difficult period. And as London businessmen are already happily anticipating a July wedding for the Prince will do wonders this year for the tourist trade.



Princess Hissa graces function 'Saudi Evening' a grand success

By Raana Siddiqi

JEDDAH — 'Saudi Evening' at Al Faisaliyah Women's Welfare Society this past weekend was a colorful display of customs and costumes. Both evenings, one primarily geared for the expatriate ladies, were well attended and a good occasion to catch up on Saudi Arabian folklore and traditional attire.

Crossing the green gate housing the Faisaliyah Society was like entering an enticing new world, or rather, an old world. The grounds were covered by Oriental rugs and tents, including an authentic Bedouin black tent; old chests served as tables, while the air was perfumed by the scent of oud and folkloric melodies.

Visitors were greeted by the organizers who were dressed in traditional local costumes from various regions, escorted to their seats and offered tea or milk with dates until dinner was served. Visitors had a choice sitting on chairs or under tents. Most expatriates wishing to get the real feel of the evening opted for the tents. They could wander around before the main program started, watch craft work in progress or get their hands painted in the intricate designs with henna. Princess Hissa bint Khaled, the president of the society, and other organizers chatted with the guests explaining things and answering questions in an atmosphere of gaiety and relaxation.

An excellent program of regional folk dances, a wedding ceremony, abaya and veil demonstration, and a dress and jewelry show followed the traditional Saudi Arabian dinner. According to secretary Suad Afifi, it took the society several weeks of preparation and practice to present the program. "Members of the society and many others have helped us procure the costumes, jewelry, carpets, tents and other things to have an authentic traditional Saudi setting," said Suad.

Princess Hissa bint Khaled, who moved around among the guests added charm and cordiality to the evening. It was refreshing to see the absence of strict protocol normally associated with royalty in remarks to *Arab News* the Princess said. "In our family, we don't believe in harsh protocol. We are of the people. This is our way of life dictated both by religion and tradition."

Princess Hissa, a mother of four, has been president of Al Faisaliyah Society for several years. She is an active member of the board and often visits homes of old people and women prisoners whose children are looked after by the Faisaliyah Society. In spite of a busy home and social life she takes an interest in the society's activities. "Yes, I am busy with family and children but then I feel I have a duty to the more unfortunate among us," she said.

During her visits to women prisoners the inmates ask for her help to reduce their sentences or for release, but Princess Hissa said "We can help their families financially and look after their children and sell the things they make while in jail. We cannot interfere in the affairs of the government."

Even before she became the president of the society, Princess Hissa devoted much of her time to social work. "Since childhood I was interested in helping others. In our religion, helping the needy is an important thing and our family was always encouraged to be gracious and helpful to others."

"The Saudi Evening," said the Princess, "would help make Saudi Arabians aware of their traditional and project to the expatriates the local costumes and folklore." Another Saudi Arabian lady, Bilqis Siraj, who has spent many years abroad both with her father and later with her husband, expressed similar sentiments. "I feel very happy and proud of our folklore and tradition. I have spent so much time abroad that I never realized we had such a rich folklore. For some

years people were rejecting our traditions now they are reviving them — it is marvelous."

According to Bilqis, the time to imitate others has gone. Old wedding style and other traditional ceremonies are coming back.

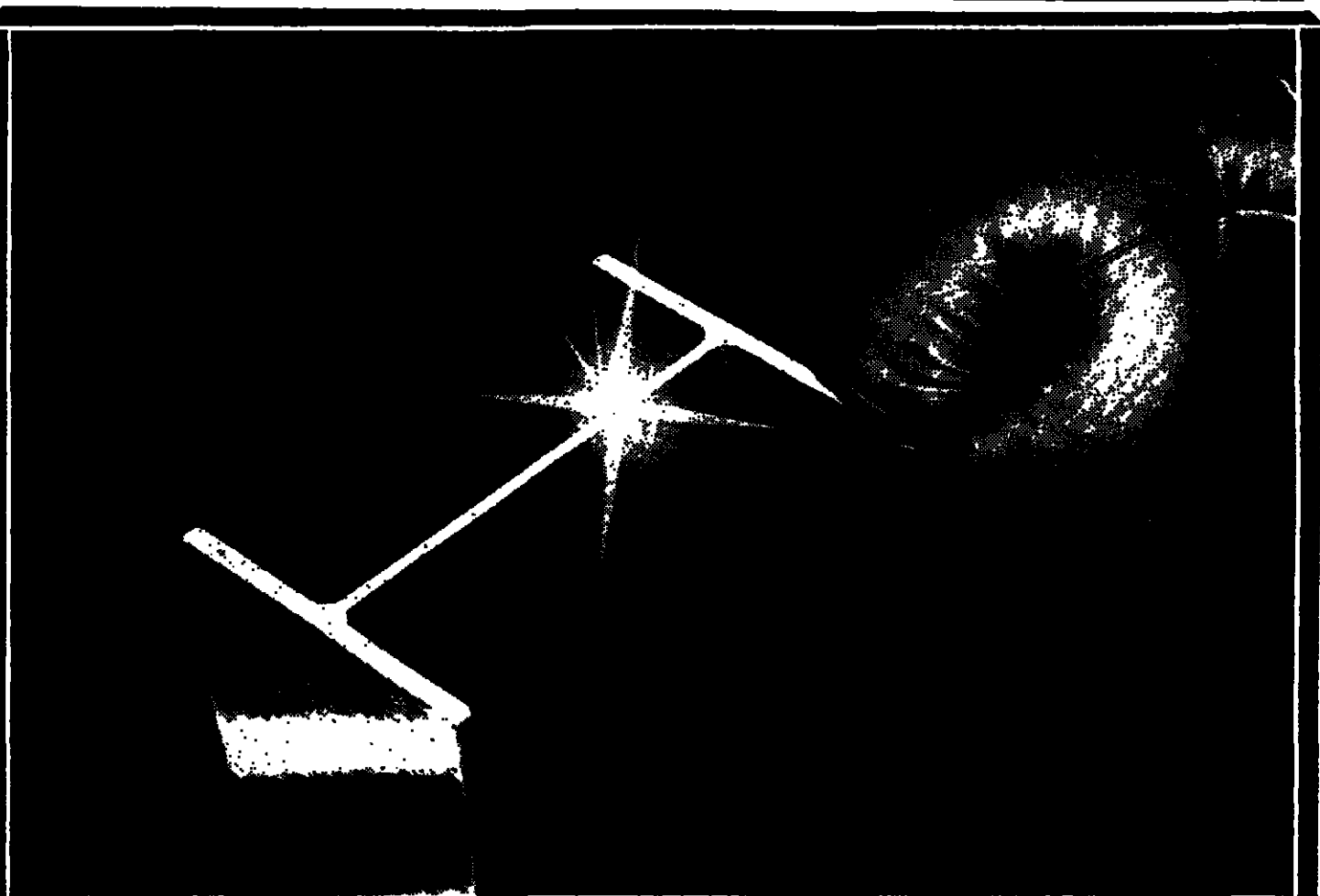
Lulua al Fadhl said that the tents, carpets and several other things were donated by Princess Hissa and Prince Saudi ibn Abdul Mohsen. All the decorations were done by members and of the society.

Fatima Bousinah, wife of the Tunisian Ambassador, said "It is an excellent program and we are thankful to the society for giving an opportunity to see such a folklore."

Mimsie Placke of the American Embassy felt that this type of program brings the Saudi Arabians and expatriate closer. She said "I like the atmosphere of friendship. No sooner did we enter, someone was there to receive and take us around. We get a feeling that we have made friends." Anthoula Gray of the British Embassy found it an enthralling experience. She felt that foreign women might like to see more of such programs.

Two visitors to the Kingdom from the United States, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. McNeil, were also impressed by the program. Mrs. Anderson, whose husband is a well-known figure in the literary world, said, "It seems so fresh and there is a variety of costumes." Mrs. McNeil, a former director of the Girl Scouts of the U.S. found the program very colorful. She said, "I am fascinated by the expression on the people's faces. There is an intense interest among the people and a pride among the locals in their heritage."

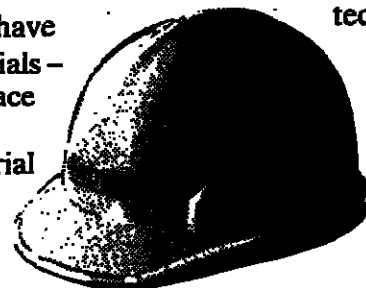
These comments sum up the impact the program has made. It was an evening to be remembered for a long time to come and one to be looked forward in near future. The Faisaliyah Women's Welfare Society and the organizers deserve praise for making the "Saudi Evening" a grand success.



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In NBA games

Suns, Celtics score impressive wins

NEW YORK, March 2 (AP) — The Phoenix Suns and Boston Celtics had a couple of points to make. The Suns, led by center Alvan Adams' 30 points and 10 rebounds, showed they can win in Los Angeles by beating the Lakers 101-96 in the second half.

The Suns, who had lost their last 11 games (including playoffs) on the Lakers' home court, stretched their Pacific Division lead over Los Angeles to 4½ games.

"It was a great win for Phoenix because they hadn't beaten us here in 3½ years, said Lakers coach Paul Westhead. "If I was Phoenix, I'd be very happy. This makes our part of the divisional race very difficult."

Earlier, the Celtics served notice that they are not quite ready to concede the Atlantic Division title to Philadelphia by beating the 76ers 114-107 at Boston Garden, thus trimming Philadelphia's division lead just 1½ games.

"First place is a matter of pride," said Boston's Larry Bird, who had 24 points, 15 rebounds and five assists. "They're still in the driver's seat. We're going to have to keep on winning because Philly's not going to lose anymore until we play them again."

The Suns, who outbounded the Lakers 42-35, used a 10-2 spurt midway through the fourth quarter to clinch the victory. That burst gave Phoenix a 97-87 lead and Los Angeles no closer than five points after that.

In other NBA games Sunday, the Milwaukee Bucks routed Washington Bullets 137-107, the San Antonio Spurs beat the Houston Rockets 102-86, the Dallas

Shanghai triumphs

HONG KONG, March 2 (AP) — Shanghai beat Bangalore 3½ to 1½ Sunday and won the third Asian Cities Chess Tournament in Hong Kong. Shanghai accumulated 22 points in the seven-day competition, one ahead of Metro Manila who crushed Bangkok 4-0 in the final round.

Guangzhou, who were joint overnight leaders with Shanghai, slipped to third place after being held to 2-2 by Jakarta. Twenty-six teams representing cities from 13 countries took part.

Mavericks defeated the San Diego Clippers 99-91, the Portland Trail Blazers topped the Utah Jazz 108-97, the Denver Nuggets outscored the Cleveland Cavaliers 137-127, the Atlanta Hawks defeated the Seattle SuperSonics 108-102 and the Detroit Pistons beat the New Jersey Nets 117-104.

Center Robert Parish scored 25 points for Boston, including two free throws with 2:44 to play that snapped a 103-103 tie. Eight seconds later Parish stole a pass and set up a three-point play by Nate Archibald.

Boston won its fourth in a row despite six technical fouls — two on coach Bill Fitch, two on assistant coach Jimmy Rodgers and two for playing a zone defense.

Milwaukee opened a 20-point lead in the second quarter and went on to its highest scoring game of the season as Marques Johnson scored 21 points and seven other Bucks tallied in double figures.

George Gervin scored 26 points to lead San Antonio over Houston but the highlight of the game with 1:13 left in the third quarter, when the Rockets' Calvin Murphy missed his first free throw attempt. That ended an NBA record string of 78 consecutive free throws converted by the 5-foot-9 Murphy.

Guard Ollie Mack scored 24 points as the expansion Mavericks beat San Diego for their 10th victory of the season and assured themselves of avoiding the embarrassment of becoming the most losing team in NBA history. That dubious distinction remains with the 1973 Philadelphia 76ers, who compiled a 9-73 record.

Guards Kelvin Ransey and Jim Paxson scored 29 and 25 points, respectively, as Portland beat Utah. Adrian Dantley, the NBA's leading scorer had 25 for the Jazz — all but 10 in the final period.

Denver got 41 second-half points from David Thompson and Alex English to overcome a 15-point deficit and beat Cleveland. Thompson finished with a season-high 44 points and English had 40 while Mike Mitchell topped Cleveland with 36.

Rookie guard Wes Matthews handed out 18 assists, one short of the club record, to help Atlanta defeat Seattle. Terry Tyler scored 27 points as Detroit built a 21-point third-quarter lead and coasted past New Jersey.



"PUNCH UP": Britain welterweight champion Colin Jones (Wales) and Mark Harris (Guyana) enjoying a glass of punch in London recently. The two clash on Tuesday in a 15-round contest for the Commonwealth welterweight title at Wembley Conference Center.

Poland blasts Czechs for world handball title

PARIS, March 2 (Agencies) — Poland restored some of their tarnished handball pride by clinching the World Group 'B' men's title with a 23-16 win over Czechoslovakia in the final match here Sunday.

More than the title, which the Poles were expected to win anyway, it was the manner in which they went about demolishing every team that came in their way which caught the eye.

Poland found themselves ousted from the top group following their dismal seventh place in the Moscow Olympic final and their experienced side made it clear from the start they regarded this as a temporary aberration.

They swept through their group matches in majestic style, crushing Sweden, France, Iceland, Austria and the Netherlands in the process, but in the final they came up against a determined Czechoslovak side which began tenaciously.

The Czechoslovaks, also unbeaten, held their own until 6-6 in the first half when the combined weight of the lofty Polish attack led by Waszkiewicz and Klempel began to tell. By half-time the gap had increased to two points at 13-11 and the Poles scored a flurry of goals early into the second half to make the vital break which the Czechs never looked like reducing.

Waszkiewicz finished top scorer with nine goals followed by Klempel with seven. Kotrc was the top marker for Czechoslovakia with four goals.

Apart from Poland and Czechoslovakia, the other three qualifying places for next year's Group "A" Championship were

claimed by Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland.

In other final games Saturday, Sweden defeated Norway for third place Switzerland beat France for fifth place, Israel ousted Ireland for seventh place and Bulgaria defeated Holland for ninth place.

Austria and Norway will be sent into Group C handball activities because of the last place finishings in the Group 'B' championships. The two teams both had failed to win a single match in the five games leading up to the championships.

In the first half of their game Sunday, Austria led 9-7 by the 20th minute of play. Their lead decreased to a one-point margin at the half, 11-10, but Austria fought back to dominate the second half.

Rodolfo Gomez bags marathon

TOKYO, March 2 (AFP) — Mexico's Rodolfo Gomez won the Tokyo-New York Friendship marathon here Sunday. Gomez (2:11.00) was followed by Tony Persson of Sweden.

American runners Randy Thomas and Benji Durden were behind Persson in 2:12.31 and 2:13.07.

Japan's Mineteru Samamoto, the 1978 Asian Games marathon gold medalist was fifth in 2:13.22. Another Japanese Takehiko Kikuchi was sixth in 2:14.24 and Ian Thompson of Britain seventh in 2:14.39.

Until the 26 km half way mark it looked as if a Japanese runner would win once again but Masato Chiba who led the pack by about 100 meters for nearly an hour faded and allowed the others to catch up.

Gomez made a blistering final spurt about two kilometers out and left the rest of the field strung out more than 100 meters behind him as he entered the National Stadium.

| Results: | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Rodolfo Gomez, Mexico | 2:11.00 |
| 2. Tony Persson, Sweden | 2:12.07 |
| 3. Randy Thomas, United States | 2:12.31 |
| 4. Benji Durden, United States | 2:13.07 |
| 5. Mineteru Samamoto, Japan | 2:14.24 |
| 6. Takehiko Kikuchi, Japan | 2:14.39 |
| 7. Ian Thompson, Britain | 2:14.39 |
| 8. Yern Atkins, United States | 2:15.13 |
| 9. Yoshio Morito, Japan | 2:15.23 |
| 10. Shinobu Muzukoshi, Japan | 2:15.35 |

BRIEFS

NEW YORK, (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan says he agreed with last year's Olympic Boycott and opposed the Soviet Union as a site for the Summer Games in the first place. Reagan expressed his opinion in the current issue of *Inside Sports* magazine. He said he hoped for worldwide participation in the 1984 Summer Olympics at Los Angeles.

HONG KONG, (AP) — Taiwan's Chen Tse-ming shot a two-under par 69 Sunday to win the \$120,000 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Golf Open by one stroke from Australian Graham Marsh. Chen 29, surged into the lead with four birdies in the first 10 holes but bogeys at the 12th and 17th presented him with the prospect of having to par the difficult final hole to win the tournament.

SOUTH AFRICA, (AFP) — Four South African golfers are to take part in the French Amateur Championships to be held at Le Touquet it was announced here. The quartet, who have yet to be selected, will go on to take part in the British Amateur Championship at St. Andrews in June.

IVORY COAST, (AFP) — Vordon Brand won a sudden death play-off against fellow Briton Martin Poxon to win the Ivory Coast Open Sunday.

LOURDES, (AFP) — France will have to do without the services of number eight Manuel Carpentier for the vital five-Nations Rugby Union match against Wales at Parc Des Princes, Paris, next Saturday. The 21-year-old line expert is to undergo an operation on his right fibula which has been bothering him for several weeks.

Shastri bowls Indians to innings victory

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, March 2 (AP) — The touring Indian cricketers gained their first victory in New Zealand Monday when they easily beat Otago by an innings and 14 runs at Carisbrook, Dunedin.

The young Indian left-arm spin bowler Ravi Shastri ended the Otago second innings with figures of five for 21 and had a match analysis of seven for 91.

Paceman Kapil Dev, bowling of a shortened run because of the slippery conditions, took two wickets in his second over of the day and crushed any Otago hopes of a recovery.

Sunil Gavaskar, the Indian captain, was pleased with the victory on the eve of the second Test. "It's always good to win a match immediately before a Test" he said. Yashpal

Jari Puikkonen ousts Kogler for crown

OBERSTDORF, West Germany (March 2 (AFP) — Jari Puikkonen of Finland clinched the World Ski-Flying Championship here Sunday despite a fine final day by Armin Kogler of Austria.

Kogler, produced jumps of 171 and 168 meters to total 395 points in an inspired attempt to reduce the lead Puikkonen had built up over the first two days.

Puikkonen was up to the challenge, however, jumps of 171 meters gave him second place for the day and an overall total for the three days of 1,201 points to Kogler's 1,140.5 points.

In Mora Sweden, Sven-Aake Lundback of Sweden won the 85.8 km Swedish Vasaloppet Cross Country Skiing race Sunday in 4h 29:32, ahead of his compatriot Bengt Hassis (4h 31:32) and Ingebjorn Lundevall (4h 31:48). The race commemorates the flight of the king of Sweden Gustav Vasa before the invading Danes.

Sharma was named man of the match for his innings of 89.

Earlier, the Indians averaged more than a run a minute. Their middle-order batsmen particularly proved themselves to be prolific scorers. Yashpal Sharma, Kirti Azad and Roger Binny between themselves slogged 17 boundaries and five sixes.

SCOREBOARD

| | |
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| Otago (last innings) 187 | |
| INDIA (last innings): | |
| T.E. Smithman b Bracewell | 34 |
| C. Chaudhary c Hoskar b Book | 85 |
| S.M. Gavaskar c Blakey b Book | 24 |
| G. Viswanath st. Lees | |
| b Bracewell | |
| Y. Sharma c Hoskar b Bracewell | 1 |
| K. Azad b Bracewell | 1 |
| K. Dev b Bracewell | 2 |
| R. Binny c Blakey b Book | 10 |
| R. Shastri c Blain | |
| b Bracewell | |
| Y. Singh not out | 3 |
| R. Reddy c and b Bracewell | 1 |
| Extras | 21 |
| Total | 312 |
| FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-106, 3-119, 4-224, 5-235, 6-261, 7-298, 8-311, 9-317. | |
| BOWLING: Walter 4-1-13-0; McKeechie 4-0-23-0; Book 45-10-8-3; Bracewell 40-2-9-155-7. | |
| OTAGO (2nd innings) | |
| L. Rutherford b Yagraj Singh | 5 |
| G. Blakey b Shastri | 33 |
| R. Hoskar c Vengasakar | 5 |
| b Shastri | |
| W. Elias c and b | |
| Kirti Azad | 6 |
| G. Dawson c Viswanath | 2 |
| b Shastri | |
| B. Blair c Binny b Shastri | 8 |
| W. Lees c and b Chaudhary | 0 |
| M. McKeechie c Kapil Dev | 0 |
| D. Walker b Kapil Dev | 21 |
| J. Bracewell b Shastri | 2 |
| S. Book not out | 18 |
| Extras | 11 |
| Total | 117 |
| BOWLING: Kapil Dev 13-2-24-2; Yagraj Singh 4-1-16-1; Roger Binny 2-0-3-0; Ravi Shastri 22-12-22-5; Kirti Azad 19-9-36-1; Chetan Chauhan 3-0-6-1. | |

Motocross photo contest

Friday's EMCA Motocross meet will also be the venue for keen amateur photographers as they vie for prizes in an exciting competition.

The Camera contest is sponsored by Ahmad Hasan Fitaibi, watch and jewelry specialist, who will be giving one of their new Certina watches as the first prize, and Arab News, who will be offering a six-monthly free subscription of the daily for the second best picture taken at the event.

The picture can be about anything related to the meet and the winners will be chosen by Dick Massey, photographic editor of Arab News.

Any size print preferably black and white will do, but all entries must be accompanied by an entry form (printed below) cut from Arab News. Entries should be sent to the sports editor, Arab News, P.O. Box 4556 Jeddah. Last date for entries is March 20. The winning name and photograph will be published on March 26 and 27.

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Embargo affects U.S. more, says Russia

MOSCOW, March 2 (AP) — The Soviet Union's top Communist Party spokesman declared Sunday that the United States is losing "profitable markets" by restricting its trade with Moscow.

If the United States denies goods to the Russians, "we can get similar types of goods in other countries," spokesman Leonid Zamyatin asserted at a press conference.

He also said the Soviet Union's intervention in Afghanistan is not the only cause for the decline in trade with Washington.

Continuing a Soviet campaign for a renewal of trade with Washington as well as a

revival of political detente, Zamyatin said "Trade is a component of the mechanism of a peaceful division of labor" throughout the world.

But he said "certain elements in the United States, who are not interested in detente, are seeking to use trade with the Soviet Union for political ends."

The United States imposed a partial grain embargo against the Soviet Union and stepped up restrictions on the export of high technology following Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in December 1979. The moves led to a 56 per cent plunge in trade from 1979 to 1980, with turnover dropping to a five-year low of \$1.96 billion according to American statistics.

Zamyatin stressed, however, that U.S. politicians began linking trade to political issues long before the Afghan issue arose. He cited in particular the 1974 Jackson-Amik amendment that made trade credits to Moscow dependent on the granting of exit visas to Soviet Jews.

"As the result of this kind of policy, the United States is losing profitable markets and sources of raw materials," Zamyatin said.

"I wish to state again that we approach trade with the United States on a long-term, not a transient basis."

Also appearing at the press conference was Nikolai Komarov, a first deputy Soviet foreign trade minister, who also denounced "the policy of the U.S. administration that envisages linking trade to a series of factors having nothing to do with the economic relations."

"This policy is not realistic," Komarov said. "It has no solid ground under it at the present time, when the Soviet Union has become an industrial state. We have overcome all the barriers put in our way by the United States, and the losses have been only to U.S. companies."

He added that "despite the obstacles created by the U.S. administration," Soviet trade with "developed capitalist" countries doubled between 1971-75 and 1976-80.

Zamyatin cited the failure of the United States to ratify the 1972 U.S.-Soviet trade agreement as an early source of difficulties. Trade between the two countries fell by more than 56 per cent in 1980, compared with 1979.

"The United States is wasting time, resources and good economic opportunities by resorting to embargoes," Zamyatin said.

Kuwait lends \$75m to Italian firm

KUWAIT, March 2 (AP) — The National Bank of Kuwait is managing a \$75 million loan in favor of Societa Finanziaria Meccanica Finmeccanica S.P.A. of Rome, Italy, the bank has announced.

The loan is also co-managed by a number of Kuwaiti and Arab banks, the announcement said Sunday.

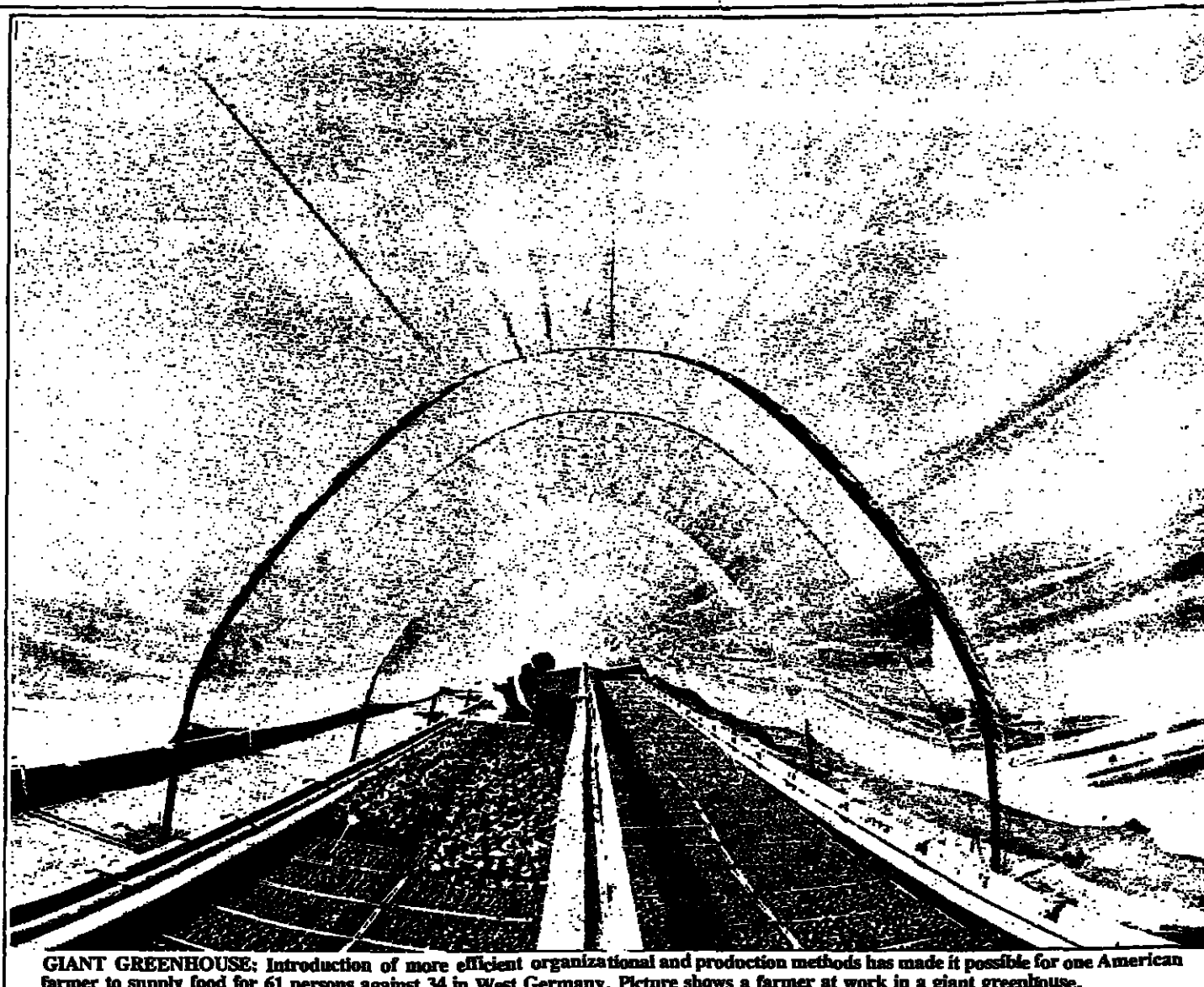
The seven-year bond issue, the agreement for which was signed in Kuwait Sunday, will be made available to the borrower through Creditanstalt-Bankverein of Vienna on behalf of the participating banks and will be used to finance priority development projects, the announcement added.

Rationed sugar quota cut by 50% in Poland

WARSAW, March 2 (R) — The Polish government has halved the public's sugar rations and said it would impose meat rationing next month.

Against a background of severe food shortages, consultations were also underway with trade unions over temporary rationing of butter.

PAP, the official news agency, said Sunday that the previously-announced meat rationing scheme would go into effect on April 1.



GIANT GREENHOUSE: Introduction of more efficient organizational and production methods has made it possible for one American farmer to supply food for 61 persons against 34 in West Germany. Picture shows a farmer at work in a giant greenhouse.

Labor unrest in New Zealand nears end

WELLINGTON, March 2 (R) — The government and the trade union movement Monday reached an agreement which appeared to signal an end to a week of widespread strikes in New Zealand over the arrest of union pickets.

Prime Minister Robert Muldoon said the government would discuss picket laws with unionists and employers if striking workers returned to their jobs. Federation of Labor president Jim Knox said it would recommend they go back to work from Tuesday.

The trouble started last Tuesday when Qantas Airways' engineers striking for higher

pay were arrested in the baggage handling area of Auckland airport and charged with trespassing on restricted areas.

Their arrest sparked off strikes that paralyzed public transport, shutdown some factories and closed almost half of New Zealand's export meat-processing plants.

Meanwhile Sunday, air force planes began ferrying more than 7,000 people stranded in Australia and New Zealand by a two-week-old Qantas Airways strike and the labor unrest.

Australia's biggest civilian airlift since cyclone Tracy devastated Darwin in 1974 was announced after a cabinet meeting in Can-

berra Saturday.

An estimated 5,000 travelers are stranded in New Zealand and about half that number in Australia.

Three Australian air force planes crossed the Tasmanian Sea to bring back the first batch of travelers from air base near Auckland.

New Zealand air force planes will probably join the operation which was expected to take up to three days.

The strike by Qantas ground staff followed the suspension of a cleaner. Auckland airport was closed by a protest strike over the arrest of union pickets last week.

London rated costliest city

LONDON, March 2 (AFP) — London is the world's most expensive capital for tourists to stay in, according to the Consumers Association.

In a *Good Hotel Guide* published Monday, it said many hotel proprietors were "horrifyingly complacent" about the "poor standards" of their establishments.

The association also said the practice of supplementing the wages of hotel staff with tips was a "degrading farce." Service charges, it said, should be added to the regular hotel bill.

The guide said that southern Englishmen could vacation more cheaply in France than at home, even after paying ferry boat fares.

Foreign visitors will find a cheaper holiday in any Mediterranean country, "as well as a more dependable and agreeable climate," the guide said.

A family of four living in southern England could take their car to France and stay in a chateau outside Paris for £ 310 (\$682) a week, the book said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Monday

| | SAMA | Cash | Transfer |
|------------------------|--------|-----------|----------|
| Bahraini Dinar | — | 8.75 | 8.68 |
| Belgian Franc (1,000) | 96.00 | 112.00 | — |
| Canadian Dollar | 2.78 | — | — |
| Deutsche Mark (100) | 156.00 | 159.00 | 155.70 |
| Dutch Guilder (100) | 142.00 | 141.00 | 140.70 |
| Egyptian Pound | — | 4.15 | 4.33 |
| Emirates Dirham (100) | — | 90.99 | 91.10 |
| French Franc (100) | 67.00 | 68.00 | 66.35 |
| Greek Drachma (1,000) | — | — | 40.45 |
| Indian Rupee (100) | — | — | — |
| Iranian Rial (100) | — | 7.75 | — |
| Iraqi Dinar | — | 33.50 | 32.60 |
| Italian Lira (10,000) | 32.00 | 33.50 | 32.60 |
| Japanese Yen (1,000) | 15.90 | — | 16.00 |
| Jordanian Dinar | — | 10.40 | 10.36 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | — | 12.20 | 12.17 |
| Lebanese Lira (100) | — | 84.00 | 83.20 |
| Moroccan Dirham (100) | — | 72.00 | 70.40 |
| Pakistani Rupee (100) | — | — | 33.85 |
| Philippines Peso (100) | — | — | 43.95 |
| Pound Sterling | — | 7.35 | 7.32 |
| Qatari Riyal (100) | — | 91.90 | 91.90 |
| Singapore Dollar (100) | — | — | 159.00 |
| Spanish Peseta (1,000) | — | — | 38.45 |
| Swiss Franc (100) | — | 170.00 | 168.00 |
| Syrian Lira (100) | — | 57.00 | 86.00 |
| Turkish Lira (1,000) | — | — | — |
| U.S. Dollar | 3.34 | 3.35 | 3.343 |
| Yemeni Riyal (100) | — | 73.20 | 73.25 |
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| Authority | Description | No. of Tender | Price SR | Closing Date |
|--|---|---------------|----------|-------------------|
| Municipality of Abqeq Ministry of Health | Maintenance of lights in Abqeq Supply of equipment for natural cure at the Central Hospital, Al-Jof | 812 | 1000 500 | March 16 March 28 |
| Ministry of P.T.T. (Saudi) | Supply of wooden ladders | 310050 | 300 | March 16 |
| Municipality of Medina | To undertake illumination project in stage 12 | — | 2500 | March 9 |
| Directorate General of Meteorology, Jeddah | Operation and maintenance of observatory equipment at Jeddah's new airport | — | 100 | March 7 |
| Municipality of Mecca | Aerial spray of insecticides for 1981-82 | 24 | 500 | March 16 |

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JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT

SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON

2ND, MARCH, 1981 26TH R-THANI, 1401

| Berth | Name of Vessel | Agent | Type of Vessel | Arrival Date |
|------------------|----------------------|----------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 5. | Ionnis | Al Sabah | Timber | 25.2.81 |
| 6. | Lupin | Alireza | Contrs/Gen/Trac. | 28.2.81 |
| 67. | Anitta | Kanoo | Flour/Rice/Gen. | 26.2.81 |
| 8. | Arab Al Hijaz | S.C.S.A. | Bagged Sorghum/Gen. | 28.2.81 |
| 10. | Eugenie S. Embiricos | Alsaada | Bagged Barley | 1.3.81 |
| 12/13. | Lalandia | Barber | Containers | 2.3.81 |
| 15. | Ling Young | Altaz | General | 2.3.81 |
| 20. | Devao | O.C.E. | Reefer | 26.2.81 |
| 21. | Penny 'S' | El Hawi | General | 27.2.81 |
| 26. | Dory | Star | Durra | 25.2.81 |
| 28. | Ocean Glory No. 6 | O.Trade | Gen./Canned Goods | 28.2.81 |
| 29. | Miesto | O.C.E. | Reefer | 1.3.81 |
| 38S. | Condor | Star | General | 1.3.81 |
| 38N. | Neveen | Fayez | General | 1.3.81 |
| 42. | Stamatis G. | O.C.E. | Bagged Barley | 28.2.81 |
| 40. | Embricos | Kanoo | Gen./Flour IN | 1.3.81 |
| | Stonewall Jackson | | Lash Barges | |
| Ro Ro | Jolly Oro | Abdallah | Contrs/Trailers/ Vehicles | 1.3.81 |
| RECENT ARRIVALS: | | | | |
| | Eugenie S. Embiricos | Alsaada | Bagged Barley | 1.3.81 |
| | Condor | Star | General | " |
| | Mazin | Sadaka | Durra | " |
| | Neveen | Fayez | General | " |
| | Miesto | O.C.E. | Reefer | " |
| | Stonewall Jackson | Kanoo | Flour/Gen. IN | " |
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| | | | Contrs. | " |
| | Weera Express | Alireza | Containers | " |
| | Jolly Oro | Abdallah | Contrs/Trailers/ Vehicles | " |

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SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS ON

25.4.1401/2.3.1981 CHANGES PAST 24 HOURS

| | | | | |
|-----|-------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| 1. | Mount Olympus | Gulf | Bulk Barley | 7.2.81 |
| 4. | Dimitra | AET | Steel Bars | 1.3.81 |
| 8. | Hellenic Wave | Gulf | General | 1.3.81 |
| 9. | Robin Hood | UEP | Rice/Barley/Gen. | 27.2.81 |
| 10. | Melakand | SEA | General | 1.3.81 |
| 12. | Concordia Taled | Alsaada | General | 1.3.81 |
| 18. | Chios Merchant | O.C.E. | Cement in Bags | 27.2.81 |
| 21. | Caryatis | Gosali | Bulk Cement | 12.2.81 |
| 28. | Eleusis | Orri | Steel Products | 28.2.81 |
| 30. | Yung Fon Lu | Gosali | Contrs/Gen. | 28.2.81 |
| 31. | Hohsing Arrow | UEP | Steel Bars | 1.3.81 |
| 32. | Dumcmt D'Urville | Alireza | Steel Pipes | 28.2.81 |
| 33. | Sonders Hausen | Kanoo | General | 28.2.81 |
| 34. | Orange Vortex | AET | Ro Ro | 1.3.81 |
| 35. | Ibn Shuhaid | Kanoo | General | 25.2.81 |
| 36. | Pasara Flag | SMC | Cement Silo VSL | 1.4.81 |
| 37. | Pacific Exporter (D.B.) | Alireza | Bulk Cement | 27.2.81 |
| 38. | New Excellence (D.B.) | Globe | Bulk Cement | 25.2.81 |

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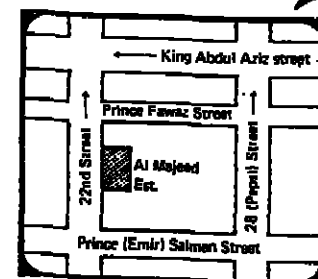
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U.S. plans massive defense expansion

WASHINGTON, March 2 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan's administration will spell out its goal of "peace through strength" this week with specific proposals for rebuilding defenses that will call for the most lavish peace-time military spending ever by a new administration.

The U.S. defense secretary is expected to ask Congress for a net boost of several billion dollars over the military budget authority totals recommended by former President Carter for this year and the next.

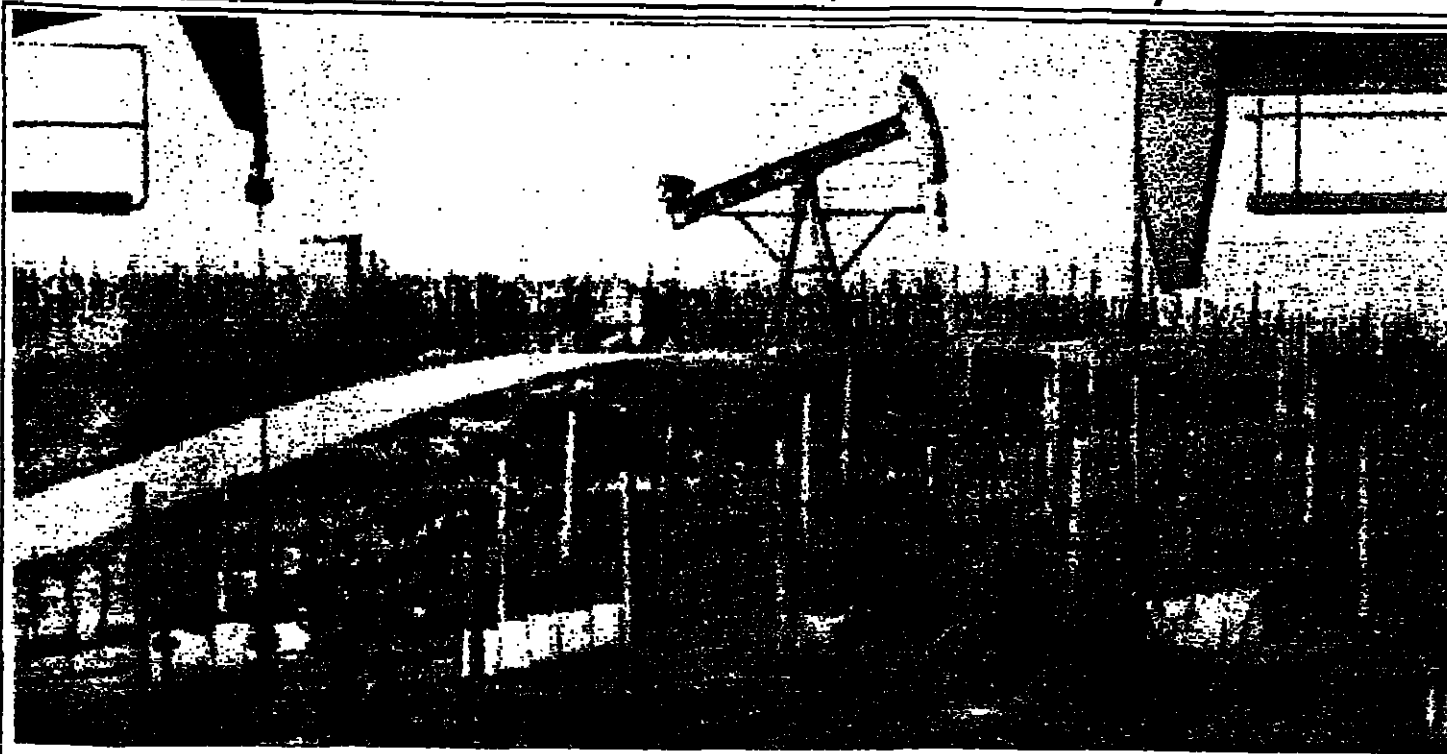
These proposals would raise defense budget authority to \$177.7 billion in fiscal 1981, which ends Sept. 30, and to \$222.8 billion in fiscal 1982. Only a small fraction of this would actually be spent in those two years. Most of the new authority, permitting the Pentagon to make contract commitments, would be "spent out" in future years as new ships, planes and other equipment are produced.

The new administration's unprecedented peacetime generosity to the armed services is in line with President Reagan's assertion that one of his top priorities is to "rebuild the nation's inadequate defense capabilities." Reagan contends the Soviet Union has outspent the United States by \$300 billion for defense since the late 1960s.

Documents prepared in the Pentagon list more than 450 military programs that stand to benefit from the administration's planned defense expansion.

They range from nearly \$2.5 billion to push development of an advanced bomber down to \$10 million for maintenance at Johnson Atoll in the Pacific, where chemical warfare agents are stored. The great bulk of the added funds would go to strengthen conventional sea, air and land power.

A main thrust of the Reagan proposals is to reverse Carter cutbacks and stretchouts in purchase of key new weapons and equipment.



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Clouds over trade

China's canceling orders jolts Japan

TOKYO, March 2 (R) — Japan's China fever has been cured by a series of abrupt cancellations of contracts worth more than \$1.5 billion for cooperation projects, and there are clouds over future trade between the two Asian neighbors.

Japan's rush into China started in earnest in 1978 with the signing of a long-term trade agreement, but has now halted as China pulls back from its ambitious modernization plans. Peking officials cite China's foreign exchange shortage and economic readjustment for cutting big projects it cannot afford.

Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) is awaiting a visit here by a high-ranking Peking official for an explanation of what is happening in China.

The Japan Machinery Exporters' Association calculates that so far China's Technical Import Corporation, which handles plant imports, has dropped contracts worth 300 billion yen (\$1.5 billion).

These include China's showcase industrial

project, a plan to build a giant steelmaking complex at Baoshan, near Shanghai, and petrochemical refineries at Nanjing and in Shandong province.

A host of leading Japanese companies such as Nippon Steel and Mitsubishi have been left holding the bag, with millions of dollars worth of equipment set for shipment now sitting in Japanese ports.

While government-supported export insurance will cover the bulk of the losses, trading houses and MITI officials are worried about the implications for future China trade if the insurance policies must be invoked.

Under the complicated terms of the export insurance arrangements, China could be denied all future credits from Japan's Export-Import Bank if it does not make good on claims by Japanese companies for compensation for the cancelled contracts.

And without Export-Import Bank financing, which heavily subsidizes foreign trade, deals with China would be almost out of reach because they would become far too

expensive and risky.

Trading company officials here are attributing the Chinese moves to miscalculations by the Peking government, shortages of foreign exchange, lack of coordination between the central and provincial governments, and to the recent struggles over the country's political leadership.

In every case, the executives said, Japanese companies were told that their contracts were suspended in telex messages from Peking with no reasons given.

This has come as a heavy blow to the Japanese firms, who led the rush to Peking when China started moving with great fanfare on its ambitious plan to catch up with the industrialized world.

Their shock has been heightened by the fact that Japanese missions invited to advise Peking on some of its plans often expressed private misgivings about the dimensions of the Chinese schemes and the lack of careful planning that characterizes Japanese projects.

French miners launch anti-coal import drive

MARSEILLES, France, March 2 (AFP) — Miners in southern France, worried about their jobs, have mounted a campaign of harassment and sabotage against coal imports from the United States, West Germany, Poland, Britain and Morocco.

They have impeded the coal deliveries to a large cement works near here, sinking one truckload at the Mediterranean port of Fos-Sur-Mer near here and dumping four other loads at the entrance to the works in the presence of police.

The issue of French versus foreign coal has become an important theme in the presidential campaign now under way, as the Communist Party has supported the miners' efforts for maximum exploitation of French mines.

At least one cement firm has said that the local coal is too expensive and poorly adapted to its needs, while the miners want to impose the use of their coal and thereby stem the economic decline of the region.

Miners for the last ten months have occupied pits at a depth of 800 meters near

the town of Ales, northwest of here to prevent their closure. About 200 of them began the occupation last May.

The miners, symbolically, are continuing to extract small amounts of coal, which they sell from trucks throughout the region, avoiding police checks.

The nationalized coal board Charbonnages de France does not want to produce uneconomically and is refusing to exploit mines that have heavy deficits.

But the region, known as the Provence Basin, does not appear doomed, as a production program has just been adopted which ought to allow the production of two million tons of coal a year by 1990.

Meanwhile, the Nord-Pas de Calais basin in north-eastern France is to be closed; while the Lorraine basin in the east is to continue to produce its current 10 million tons annually.

These figures are nowhere near annual coal consumption, 52 million tons, of which more than half comes from abroad.

At the same time, the French coal industry, under severe criticism from Communists, is seeking to extend its activities abroad.

BRIEFS

the cutback with imported oil.

LONDON, (AFP) — A world conference on solar energy will be held in the southern England resort of Brighton from August 23 to 28, with backing from the European Community, the British and American energy departments, and UNESCO.

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — The West German mark has firmed considerably within the European Monetary System (EMS) this week following a rise in German interest rates, it was noted here. The mark had been at its lowest permitted level against the French franc, but is now within the limits indicating divergence and has thus returned to the fold of stronger European currencies.

THE HAGUE, (AP) — The rising U.S. dollar has forced a hike in Dutch gasoline and heating fuel prices effective Sunday, the Economics Ministry has said. The maximum prices of diesel and gasoline fuel will rise up to 3.2 cents per liter, with super gasoline going from 159 cents to 162 cents and diesel from 107.2 to 110.4 cents per liter.

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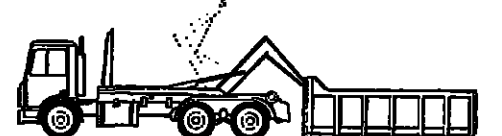
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The Art of Slam Bidding

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A J 8 2
 ♥ K 10 3
 ♦ K Q 10 6 4
 ♣ 4

EAST
 ♠ Q 10 9 6
 ♥ 8 6 4
 ♦ A 7 3
 ♣ J 5 3

SOUTH
 ♠ K 5
 ♥ A J 9 5
 ♦ J 8
 ♣ A 10 7 2

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
 2♥ Pass 2♠ Pass
 2NT Pass 4♥ Pass
 6♥

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Long bidding sequences consist of extended exchanges of information by which the respective partners hope to find their best contract. Point count, whether based on high cards or distributional values, is not necessarily the best guide. Good judgment and long experience are much more reliable guides than the arithmetical calculation of the worth of the two hands. This is especially true in slam bidding.

Consider the present case where North-South arrived at

six hearts. South opened one heart and North, knowing that a game was practically certain and that a slam was also distinctly possible, responded two diamonds. It was the first of three bids made by North to describe both his high-card values and his distribution to partner.

After South rebid his hearts, North continued the piecemeal description of his hand by bidding two spades. One effect of North's first two bids was that he indicated longer diamonds than spades. This was because he had bid diamonds first. Two spades was forcing because it was a new suit named by responder. It also showed extra values beyond those indicated by North's first response.

After the two notrump bid, North completed the picture of his hand by jumping to four hearts. This strongly suggested 4-3-3-1 distribution and greater high-card values than a three heart bid would have indicated.

South needed no further prodding. He recognized that North had at most one club and that this was a surefire key to a slam. Accordingly, South leaped to six hearts, which he easily made. He took the club lead with the ace, played the diamond jack at trick two, and there was nothing the defenders could do to stop the slam.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
 An afternoon-luncheon date will prove most satisfying. Career and partnership interests are highlighted. Enjoy club activities.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
 Despite minor frictions, you'll be able to make major career strides now. Capitalize on opportunity. Job-hunters meet with luck.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
 The evening brings solutions about a career matter. Academic interests are favored. Make important decisions affecting children's welfare.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) ♋
 Seek loans for home improvements. A good time to obtain financial backing. Property matters and domestic affairs are happily accented.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) ♌
 Avoid bickering about joint assets. Heart-to-heart talks with close ties bring favorable results. Short journeys are favored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
 You're revising your monetary setup. Work affords new opportunities for financial gain. Work hard and you'll get results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
 Romance and creative interests bring joy. You'll make important decisions about heart interests now. Self-confidence brings you rewards.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
 Don't fret. Your party will be a success. Keep domestic plans confidential. You may hear of a good financial opportunity now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
 Speak up at club functions. Some of you will be elected to office. Be straightforward in talks with others and you'll succeed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
 Avoid dubious financial schemes. Career interests should pay off profitably now. Seek ways to improve your overall security.

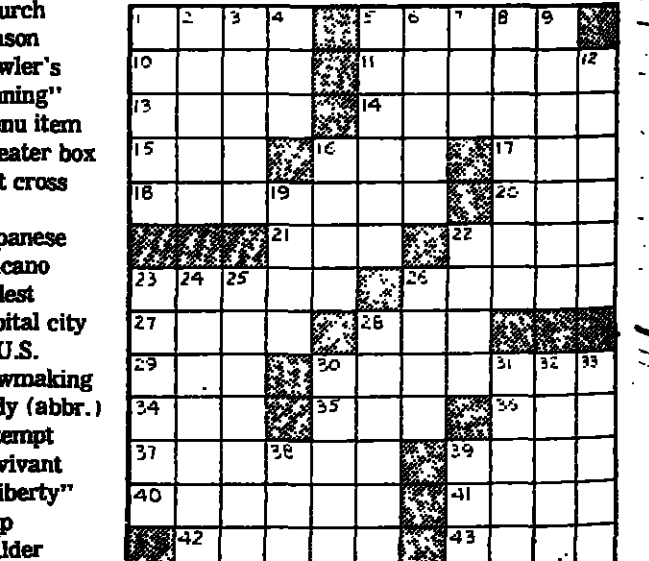
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
 The personal touch brings you success in dealing with others. You'll receive valuable advice now. Travel plans are also favored.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
 Keep investment plans confidential. Beat others to the punch. You work best now from a behind-the-scenes vantage point.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| ACROSS | 39 Laborious |
| 1 Neighbor of Arg. | 40 Actress, Barbara — |
| 5 Mennonite | 41 Concerning — |
| 10 Seed coating | 42 German city |
| 11 Hundred-weight | 43 Hammer part |
| 13 Calif. city | DOWN |
| 14 Cling together | 1 — button |
| 15 Chemical suffix | 2 Plowed field |
| 16 Beak | 3 Mature |
| 17 Clothing size (abbr.) | 4 Menu words |
| 18 Saloon | 5 Put the ictus on |
| 20 Burn | 6 Famed soprano |
| 21 Play a part | 7 Ending for exam |
| 22 Church season | 8 Bus company employee |
| 23 Bowler's "inning" | 9 Bar offer |
| 26 Menu item | 10 Papal envoy |
| 27 Theater box | 11 Medit. resort |
| 28 Hot cross | 12 Subdue |
| 29 Japanese volcano | 13 Subduer |
| 30 Oldest capital city in U.S. | 14 Ending for exam |
| 34 Lawmaking body (abbr.) | 15 Containers |
| 35 Attempt | 16 Optimistic |
| 36 — vivrant | 17 Sufferings |
| 37 "Liberty" ship builder | 18 Undersized |
| | 19 Chance |



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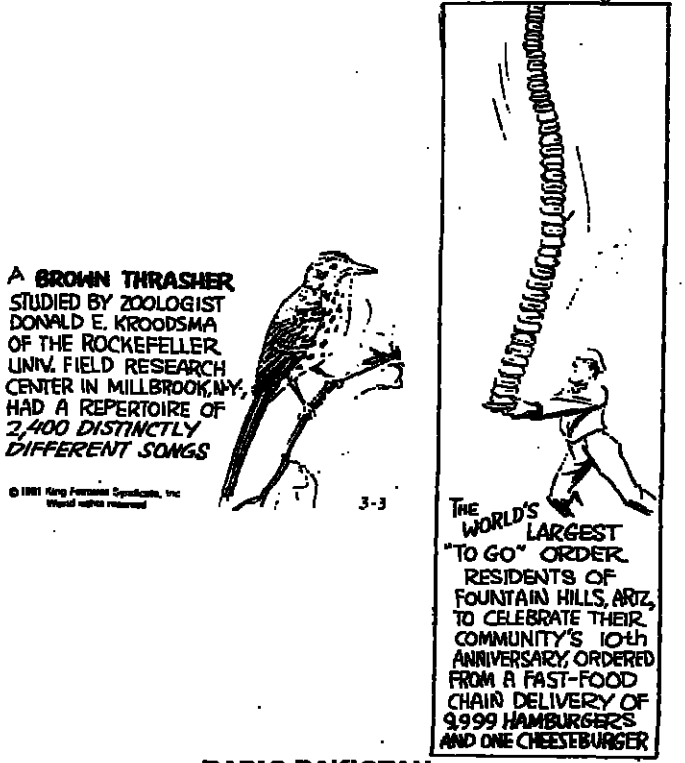
One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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 THZ MTMTW ZW KUHVJVS
 NZIP T EFLMTH VFX.

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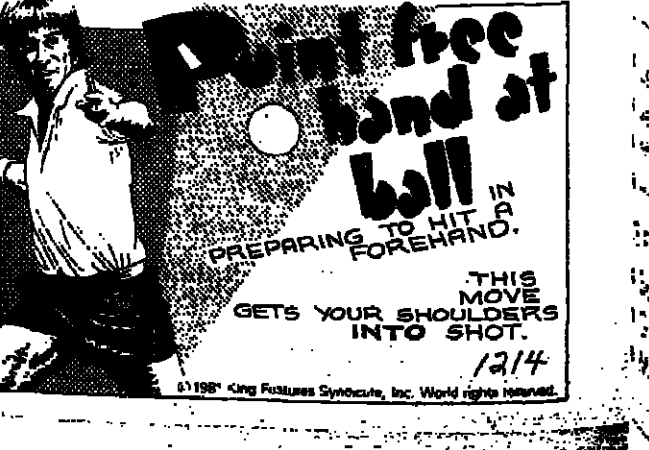
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 8.10 Melodies
 8.30 Literary Magazine
 9.00 NEWS
 9.05 Your Doctor
 9.25 Our Choice (Music)

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 4.45 Duet and Chorus
 5.15 Literary Magazine
 5.45 One Singer
 6.00 NEWS
 6.15 Press Review
 6.20 On This Day
 6.25 Classical Music

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Tuesday 5:45 Quran, 6:00 Cartoons, 6:10 High Chaparral, 7:50 Annual Secrets, 8:15 My World and Welcome To It, 9:40 Feature, 10:10 E.F. Tsch, 10:25 15p.

Tuesday 5:40 Quran, 5:45 Religious Talk, 5:50 Cartoons, 6:00 Movie Power, 6:30 TV Magazine, 7:30 Religious Series, 8:00 Local News, 8:10 Religious Series, 9:00 Arabic Drama, 10:00 World News, 10:35 Soap, Program Review, 10:50 Arabic Theater.

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9:00 Hearing
 9:05 Gems of Guidance
 9:10 Light Music
 9:15 The Evening Show
 9:45 Reflections of a Muslim
 10:00 Islam A Colorful Tapestry
 10:10 Light Music
 10:15 The News
 10:20 Bouquet
 10:25 The World of Gustar
 11:00 Round & About
 11:45 Today's Short Story
 12:00 In The Outlet
 12:30 Light Music
 12:45 A Randomness With Dreams
 1:00 Closesdown

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 8:09 Twenty-Four Hours
 News Summary
 8:30 Sarah Ward
 8:45 World Today
 9:00 Newsdesk
 9:30 Open Star
 10:00 World News
 10:09 Twenty-Four Hours
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 10:30 Sarah Ward
 10:45 Something in Show You

Evening Transmission

1:15 Ulster in Focus
 1:30 Discovery
 2:00 World News
 2:09 News about Britain
 2:15 Alphabet of Musical Carols
 2:30 Sports International
 2:40 Radio Newswel
 3:15 Promenade Concert
 3:45 Sports Round-up
 4:00 World News
 4:09 Twenty-Four Hours
 News Summary
 4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
 5:15 Report on Religion
 6:00 Radio Newswel
 6:15 Outlook
 7:00 World News
 7:09 Commentary
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Sinai settlers on protest

Six new settlements planned for W. Bank

TEL AVIV, March 2 (Agencies) — Israel will begin building six new settlements on the occupied West Bank later this week, a top settlement official has announced.

Matityahu Drobless, head of the world Zionist organizations settlement department, said the finance ministry had approved a special budget of \$57.5 million for the building work.

The decision to establish the settlements was taken a few months ago by the Israeli cabinet. The six outposts are: Yakir B. Nili, Shavei Shomron, Mitzpe Givrin, Tekoa B and Michmash.

Meanwhile, thousands of Jewish settlers in Sinai blocked roads leading to their towns as

part of general strike Monday in protest at what they regard as inadequate compensation for the evacuation of the area when it returns to Egypt in April next year.

Residents of Yamit, in northern Sinai parked trucks and tractors across the main road and publicized their complaints with large placards and loudspeakers. They did not carry out their earlier threat to stop Israeli tourists crossing into Egypt at the nearby border post.

At the southern tip of the peninsula, residents of Ophira shut their tourist resort for four hours but because of the relaxed atmosphere, the strike was hardly felt by holiday makers basking in the sun.

The settlers want the government to increase compensation and are protesting against a decision to charge income tax on it, thus reducing its value considerably.

The settlers also set fire to an old pickup truck and some tires on the road. The government last year approved payments of between \$200,000 and \$360,000 for farms and houses in the northeastern corner of Sinai that will have to be evacuated. It decided to impose tax on the income following public outcry at the enormity of the sums involved.

About 100 of the area's 3,500 settlers braved rain and cold to take part in the road blockade. Vehicles were delayed and forced to wait, but traffic was sparse. Two tourist buses got through with little delay, and a driver carrying mail to Egypt did not mind the shutdown. "I support them (the settlers) all the way," he said.

Although the immediate cause of the blockade was money, the protest reflected deeper resentments among the settlers.

All the demonstrators voiced opposition to the peace treaty. "In New York, they told me to come to Yamit and build a future," said Jeff Benjamin, a former New York insurance agent. "Now I've got to pick up the threads of my life again."

Yamit is the mother city of the Sinai zone that Israel began to build up 10 years ago. It is surrounded by 13 Moshavim, or agricultural settlements.

Many settlers have taken their compensation money and left. Another group involved about 100 families has vowed to stay and fight the peace treaty, but the majority is waiting for the financial dispute to be settled and then will move out. They warned of more drastic action to come.

U.S. may give arms to Afghan fighters

LONDON, March 2 (AFP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan's administration is "quietly and slowly moving toward openly supplying equipment to help the Afghans in their struggle against Soviet occupation," British member of the European Parliament Lord Bethel has said in an interview with *The Sunday Times* here. Back from a week in Washington, where he met Afghan resistance leaders who were there to seek American arms and support, Lord Bethel indicated Sunday that the U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan Arthur Hummel had been recalled for consultations.

He quoted a senior State Department official as telling him that "our policies vis a vis Pakistan are under close and urgent review." The official added: "One fact being considered in the review is that Pakistan is the only available route from the sea to the Afghan border."

On the kind of weapons the Afghan fighters were intent on obtaining, he said: "Surface-to-air missiles are the dominating subject. Helicopter gunships are the Soviet forces' only effective weapon ... The Afghans believe that the Red Eye Missile, or even the more primitive SAM-7 missile, a few of which have already been supplied by Egypt, could alter the course of the struggle."

He added: "There is now a growing body of opinion on Capitol Hill that more must be done to help the Afghan fighters."

Lebanon-bound ammunition seized

CHARLESTON, South Carolina, March 2 (AP) — More than 52,000 rounds of ammunition which authorities say was illegally bound for Lebanon were seized Saturday at a South Carolina ports authority dock.

The ammunition was seized in connection with the arrest of two Lebanese living in this country, authorities said. Antoine Josep

Bousman, 27, was arrested by an agent of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in a car on a road in Columbia, South Carolina.

Andre Y. Ayoub, also 27, of Methuen, Massachusetts, was arrested at his home. The two men charged under a federal law which makes it illegal to place firearms or ammunition into interstate or international commerce without notifying the carrier. U.S. Customs Special Agent Robert G. Austin said the men would also be charged with violating international arms traffic regulations. Bond hearings for both were scheduled for Monday.

ATF agent Andrew Pate said the ammunition was packed in crates labeled as electrical motors and spare electrical parts. It was to have been loaded on a ship that had not yet docked, he said. The ammunition consisted of 52,775 9 mm rounds. Authorities did not say who in Lebanon was to get the ammunition. The crates were addressed to be shipped to Cyprus, but ATF agents say they're sure the ammunition was destined for Lebanon.



ILLEGAL: Israelis build new settlements in occupied territories. Six more settlements will be set up this week. The rush to build new, illegal settlements on Arab lands comes three months before Israeli elections in June.

Chad, Sahara questions deferred to June summit

ADDIS ABABA, March 2 (R) — African foreign ministers Monday ended a meeting at which two potentially divisive issues, Libya's action in Chad and the status of the Western Sahara, were deferred to a summit next June.

At an early morning press conference, Ero Kodjo, secretary-general of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), said the Libyan intervention in Chad and the question of Western Sahara's membership of the OAU were being dealt with by an ad hoc committee of heads of state.

He said the Chad question had caused brief but bitter exchanges but the issue of the self-proclaimed Western Sahara Republic had not been raised although it drew intense consultation off the conference floor.

Informed sources said Libya's intervention in the Chad civil war and a controversial plan to merge Libya and Chad had also been the subject of behind-the-scenes talks in which Nigeria was prominent. But north and west

African states had not pressed earlier objections to the intervention and merger proposal.

The last OAU summit in June backed Western Sahara's application for membership. The new republic was declared by the Polisario fighters opposing Moroccan troops in the former Spanish colony. Morocco threatened to resign from the OAU if Western Sahara was admitted.

The heads of state committee recommended a ceasefire and a referendum in the territory but neither has occurred. Both Western Sahara and Chad are expected to figure prominently in the OAU heads of state summit in Nairobi in June.

Kodjo Monday said the meeting unanimously supported proposals for an intensified guerrilla war in Namibia (South West Africa) and mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa to persuade it to negotiate on Namibian independence.

BRIEFS

CAIRO, (AP) — A Syrian agent, sent to Egypt as part of a plot to assassinate top Egyptian officials, sabotage public installations and place bombs in densely-populated areas, has been arrested, the *May* newspaper reported Monday. It said Kamal Fawzi Hassan, an Egyptian student living in Paris, came to Egypt in December last year carrying a Syrian passport with a false name but did not elaborate whether he was able to take any action before his arrest last weekend.

SIXTH OF OCTOBER CITY, Egypt, (R) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat Sunday spoke of continuing strife between the country's Copts and Muslims and put the responsibility on "corrupt elements" in the two communities.

BEIRUT, (AP) — The Iraqi embassy was reported to have denied any knowledge of a mysterious group which claimed responsibility for the assassination of two Iraqi embassy officials last Friday and hinted supporters of Iran in Beirut were responsible.

QATAR, (AFP) — Tunisian Labor Minister Muhammad Nasser arrived here Sunday for a visit to Qatar, the final leg of a Gulf tour that has already taken him to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. Nasser signed a cooperation agreement with the United Arab Emirates Sunday covering labor and social affairs.

TEL AVIV, (R) — The Israeli cabinet has

extended by one year the term of office of the Israeli army chief of staff, Lieut-Gen. Rafael Eitan, an official announcement said. His three-year term was due to expire next month.

TEL AVIV, (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir will call on Pope John Paul Friday, a cabinet spokesman said Monday.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — The United States is prepared to increase cooperation with Israel in sophisticated technology, including the peaceful use of nuclear energy, the newspaper *Masr* reported Sunday.

KUWAIT, (AFP) — Eight Greeks were arrested here as they tried to smuggle 41,436 bottles of whisky into Kuwait, sources said here Monday. Their boat, flying the Greek flag, had crossed to Kuwait from Djibouti, the sources said.

NIAMEY, (AFP) — Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, on an official visit to Niger, was visiting the uranium mines at Arlit in the north Sunday before a meeting with President Seyni Kountche.

KARACHI, (AP) — The government of Japan will provide a grant of \$3 million for purchase of modern medical equipment for Sind province.

ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — Doctors taken into custody Friday for holding a convention have been released, it was announced here Sunday.

Autonomy talks stalled

Egypt, Israel differ on Sinai peace force

CAIRO, March 2 (AFP) — U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Michael Stermen has admitted here that there were differences of view between Egypt and Israel on the creation of a multinational truce force for the Sinai. It was the first time since he began his mission by visiting Israel that Stermen had spoken of basic differences between the two sides.

However, Stermen added Monday, following a meeting with Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, that he saw "no serious" obstacles to the formation of the peace force. Under the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, the multinational force is to be deployed in the Sinai by April, 1982, when the Israelis are to complete their withdrawal from the peninsula.

Informed sources said that the differences were substantial and concerned the number of troops to be deployed and the choice of the countries that would be asked to provide them. The sources said that Israel wanted a 4,000-man force, which the Egyptians regard as too large.

And Egypt prefers that the force be drawn primarily from African nations. Few African countries maintain relations with Israel which leads the Israelis to oppose Cairo's proposal.

Monday's reports of differences contrast with the general atmosphere of optimism that prevailed here Sunday when Egyptian leaders were saying that the force could be set up without any difficulty. Stermen Monday spoke generally of progress on the force's composition and methods of operation. He emphasized that no decision had yet been made on financing the unit or on the participation of U.S. units.

Stermen will return to the Middle East in about two weeks to continue his talks with Israeli and Egyptian officials. Meanwhile, a plan for the setting up of a mixed military commission to study the creation of the multinational force will be considered in all three capitals.

Meanwhile, Egypt has rejected an Israeli

proposal to resume negotiations before May 26 on Palestinian autonomy, the weekly *May* reported Monday, because Cairo did not want to influence the Israeli general election this spring.

Israel had offered concessions to conclude the Palestinian talks. *May*, said the offer was made by Israeli Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon to Egypt's ambassador in Israel with a pledge to conclude the talks before Israeli elections next June.

Israelis shut Arabic paper for five days

TEL AVIV, March 2 (AP) — Israeli military censor has closed down an Arabic-language newspaper in East Jerusalem for five days for "violating" censorship procedures, authorities said. The closure came two days after the Palestinian daily *Al Quds* published details of an Israeli military roundup of Muslim activists charged with amassing weapons for attacks against Israel. The censor said the paper had failed to submit the article for censorship before publishing the story.

Al Quds editor Muhammad Abu-Zuluf said he had not submitted the article because it contained information similar to earlier reports in the Israeli media. He said the only difference in the *Al Quds* article was that it mentioned by name the Islamic activist group involved in the round-up. Abu-Zuluf said he did not realize the name had not been released in the Israeli press and said such a severe punishment was unwarranted.

Al Quds, an independent newspaper that claims a circulation of about 25,000 in East Jerusalem, the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, is considered the most moderate Palestinian paper. It is the only Palestinian Arabic-language newspaper that agreed to distribution in Egypt since Israel and Egypt normalized relations a year ago.

Ethiopians capture Cuban defector

ADDIS ABABA, March 2 (AP) — Ethiopian authorities have captured a Cuban military defector who caused an international incident last year when he took refuge in the U.S. embassy. A second Cuban soldier who defected remains under American protection in the large walled embassy compound.

Interviews with security guard Raul Zerdacia Arias, the Cuban still in the embassy, and with other sources in Addis Ababa disclosed that the two Cubans climbed over the embassy wall Dec. 24, exactly seven months after they had sought shelter. The strolled into downtown Addis Ababa for a day of rejoicing.

When the pair returned in the evening, the sources said, Zerdacia made it past an Ethiopian navy office next to the embassy and back over the wall to safety. His friend, they said, was unfit to climb the wall and was caught by the Ethiopians. The friend was not named. Ethiopian authorities keep the embassy under constant surveillance.

The two are among 12,000 Cubans who came to Ethiopia to help defeat Somalia in the 1977-78 Ogaden war and who remained

in Ethiopia. Zerdacia said he had not heard from his friend and presumes that he is dead or has been taken to Cuba. He added the Cubans flew his wife to Addis Ababa in an attempt to persuade him to leave American protection. He said he had talked with his wife by telephone but has insisted that she visit the embassy to see him in person. So far, that meeting has not occurred.

Israeli engineers strike

TEL AVIV, March 2 (AP) — Israel's 20,000 engineers went on a one-day strike Monday, causing a variety of disruptions ranging from sour milk to the absence of weather reports. Israel radio said traffic lights broke down for lack of maintenance and milk turned sour because central cooling systems went unattended. Weather forecasters, who qualify as engineers, also walked off the job, and radio broadcasts suffered interference.

The strikers threatened a prolonged strike unless the government agreed to negotiate a revision of their wage agreements.

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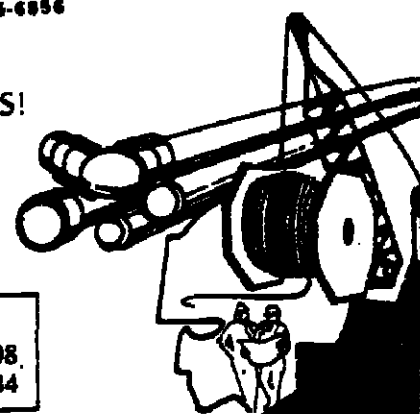
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Help to Nicaragua halted, senator says

WASHINGTON, March 2 (Agencies) — The United States has decided to cut off all aid to Nicaragua, Sen. Jesse Helms, an influential Republican who heads the Senate Subcommittee for Western Hemisphere Affairs, said here.

In a television interview Sunday, Sen. Helms said, "I don't know whether they (the State Department) announced it or not. But they have cut it off." He was referring to U.S. aid to the Sandinista government, which the administration of Ronald Reagan has charged with supplying arms to El Salvador.

Asked about the \$15 million which remain to be paid from a \$75 million loan granted to Nicaragua by the United States, Sen. Helms replied, "I have a letter from the State Department saying that the rest of it is going to be withheld."

The Reagan administration meanwhile took

its first step toward increasing the U.S. military presence in El Salvador. It is sending six navy advisers to the strife-torn central American republic. The group will bring the number of military advisers the United States has sent to El Salvador to 25. A State Department spokesman declined to comment Sunday on reports that the administration planned to send 30 more.

The spokesman also refused to confirm reports that the United States would soon authorize at least \$25 million in additional aid to El Salvador.

Meanwhile, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher condemned all interference in El Salvador from "whatever quarter it comes" in an interview, prepared in Washington before her return to London, that was broadcast by the ABC Television network Sunday.

Mrs. Thatcher said that it was Britain's position that the Salvadoran people should decide their own future "without any external interference." "That's the language we used over Poland," she said. "That's the language we used over Afghanistan." She said that Britain does "condemn the terrible thing" — the "violence" — that is happening in El Salvador.

In El Salvador, heavy fighting continued Sunday between leftist guerrillas and government troops in the eastern province of San Vicente, refugees streaming into the capital from the war-torn area said.

Witnesses from San Vicente said troops loyal to the civilian-military junta, backed by jet fighters, managed to repel guerrilla attacks on at least two towns in the area late Saturday but added that "sporadic and heavy gunfire" could still be heard near the towns of San Lorenzo and neighboring Santo Domingo Sunday.

The battle for control of San Lorenzo, about 48 kms east of here, has been raging for the past three days, refugees from the province said. A military spokesman in the capital Sunday described the fighting in the eastern province as "an army clean-up operation."

In Panama City, delegates to an emergency meeting of the Socialist International agreed Sunday to ask former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt to mediate the dispute between Marxist-led guerrillas and the U.S.-backed ruling junta in El Salvador.

"We have selected Brandt for that mission because of his democratic political leadership and because he is the owner of a Nobel peace prize," a spokesman for the International told the Associated Press.

The decision to ask for Brandt's personal mediation in the Salvadoran conflict came at the end of the second day of private meetings here at which, informed sources said, the International also decided to urge the United States, the Soviet Union and Cuba to stop intervening in El Salvador.



WOUNDED STUDENT: Relief volunteers carry a San Salvador student wounded while playing soccer Saturday when government forces and leftist guerrillas exchanged fire.

Gunmen kill Uganda aide

KAMPALA, March 2 (AFP) — The managing director of Uganda's posts and telecommunications, Salais Munavi, was shot dead by unknown gunmen this weekend as violence continued to sweep the Ugandan countryside. Five other people were reported killed in the same attack.

The gunmen, who struck in the industrial town of Jinja, 80 kms east of here, late Saturday, also critically wounded Munavi's driver, and three other passengers. Police have so far reported no arrests.

The shooting took place at a railway crossing just three kms outside Jinja as Munavi was returning from celebrations staged by the ruling Uganda People's Congress (UPC) in Iganga town, 32 kms away, to mark the party's victory in the December general elections.

The celebrations, held in an area which mainly voted for the opposition Democratic Party (DP) in the elections, were attended by Paulo Muwanga, the country's vice-president and defense minister, and seven other cabinet ministers.

Aborted coup Probe begins in Madrid

MADRID, March 2 (AFP) — The investigation into last week's putsch attempt in Spain has crystallized the nation's attention, as both King Juan Carlos and the political-military ETA were calling for a thoughtful setting aside of arms and bad feelings.

In latest developments, a well-known extreme right-wing militant, Juan Garcia Carres, has been turned over to legal authorities, and a well-known figure in the world of finance who allegedly provided the plotters with financial backing was being investigated. Investigators were also looking into articles published by the far right-wing daily *El Alcazar*, jointly signed by a group of civilians and military men going by the code name "Almendros" (the almond trees).

The name Almendros is apparently a reference to the second of two planned coup attempts which, according to other Spanish newspapers, was not due until spring "when the almond trees blossom." The first coup attempt, carried out when right-wing civil guardsmen invaded the parliament Feb. 23, was thought to have been hatched prematurely, the newspapers said quoting high-placed sources.

Regarding the first coup attempt, the Feb-

ruary 1 issue of *El Alcazar* notably wrote, "we have entered an era in which the king and the armed forces will have a much larger role to play," an explicit reference to the rebel civil guardsmen's aim to install the king at the head of the military takeover. "We are at the crucial point," the article continued. "The countdown has begun. Political irresponsibility has turned into a lamentable process obliging the crown to intervene."

In a still more explicit article published Feb. 22, the eve of the failed putsch, *El Alcazar* published a front-page photo of an emptied Cortes (parliament), with the caption, "Everything is ready for Monday's session."

Just hours later Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero had burst into the Cortes to announce the coup.

Investigators were also interested in the case of Lorenzo Herranz, director of *Spic* magazine, a private publication distributed to travel agencies on a subscription basis only. Several civil guards who participated in the coup attempt were found to possess copies of the magazine, which directly alluded to the putsch to be carried out "on Monday, Feb. 23 in the afternoon."

Meanwhile, Spanish defense minister Alberto Oliart has backed up King Juan Carlos' efforts to avoid a witchhunt for alleged coup sympathizers which could provoke the armed forces to close ranks and lash back at their critics. In an interview published Sunday in the liberal daily *El Pais*, Oliart said, "the events must be judged in accordance with the law," adding that he favored "punishment of the guilty" but without "contestation of the loyalty of the armed forces and the forces of order to constitutional legality."

PIA plane lands unexpectedly in Afghanistan

KARACHI, March 2 (AP) — A Pakistan International Airlines Boeing 720 en route to Peshawar in northwest Pakistan with 141 persons on board made an unexpected landing in Kabul, Afghanistan Monday, the airline announced.

No further details were disclosed, but there were fears here that the aircraft may have been hijacked. The airline said it had no further details immediately. Those aboard the aircraft included 130 passengers and 11 crew.

Kenya closes university

NAIROBI, March 2 (AFP) — The Kenyan authorities closed Nairobi University and Kenya University college Monday and brought forward the Easter vacation in what was seen here as a move to head off student unrest and a threatened boycott of lectures. The closure coincided with the anniversary of the death in unexplained circumstances of J.M. Kariuki, a popular national assembly member, who was murdered six years ago and whose anniversary has triggered campus unrest in the past.

President Daniel Arap Moi, who is chancellor of the university, said Saturday that he would not tolerate a lecture boycott and warned that firm measures would be taken to prevent it. His comment followed the distribution of anonymous tracts calling for a boycott. Moi, speaking on Friday on his return from an official visit to India, criticized both the university and the education ministry, saying that Nairobi University had a bad reputation and had become "a place for demonstrations and drunkards."

Students, who were only told of the closure at breakfast time Monday, were leaving with their suitcases shortly afterward. The vacation is scheduled to last until March 22.

Last year, the authorities closed down the university Feb. 27. It remained closed for three months.

Dollar soars; gold hits record low

LONDON, March 2 (AP) — The dollar surged on world foreign exchanges Monday thanks to high interest rates, while gold prices hit an 11-month low in London.

Higher Eurodollar rates and a renewed general bullishness for the U.S. currency brought sharp dollar gains almost everywhere.

In London, the British pound slumped 2 1/2 cents to \$2.1778 from \$2.2030 late Friday, the dollar's highest mark against sterling since April 9, 1980 when the pound closed at \$2.1760.

In Tokyo, the dollar climbed to the 210-yen level for the first time since mid-December, closing at 210.75 yen from 208.85 Friday. In later European trading, the dollar rose further to 211.13 yen.

London's five bullion houses fixed a morning recommended gold price of \$474.50 a troy ounce, down from \$490.50 later Friday and gold's lowest mark in London since March 27, 1980, when it closed at \$474. In Zurich, the metal was quoted at a median \$474.50, from \$488.50. In Hong Kong, gold fell \$8.46 to close at \$479.35.

Silver was quoted in London at \$11.73 an ounce, down from \$12.45 Friday and its lowest price since May 22, 1980. Bullion prices were suffering because of the sound dollar, and the guaranteed high return available on dollar investments, dealers said.



SECURITY MEASURE: Passengers of a bus refuse to have their identities checked late Friday as police forces set up checkpoints around Hamburg as a security measure before an anti-nuclear demonstration near Brokdorf power plant construction site in West Germany. In spite of a court ban, the Saturday demonstration turned out to be Europe's biggest anti-nuclear rally.

Armed bandits loot bus, train passengers in India

NEW DELHI, March 2 (AP) — At least 69 persons were injured, several seriously, in separate incidents when armed bandits attacked and looted two buses, two trains and a village in northern India, news reports said Monday. The robbers looted one bus and threw a bomb at it, reports said. They then halted a second bus near the site of the first holdup near Nawadah, about 300 kilometers northeast of Calcutta and robbed the passengers.

About 20 persons were injured in the rob-

beries but the reports did not say if they were victims of the bomb blast or whether the passengers resisted the attacks. Another group of 10 bandits boarded a train near Neri and robbed passengers of gold jewelry and cash after threatening them with guns and knives. A separate gang raided another train near Sheikhpura and robbed the passengers of possessions and cash worth \$5,000, reports said.

These attacks took place in Bihar state

while in neighboring Uttar Pradesh, 19 villagers were wounded when armed robbers attacked Mohabera village Sunday. Six were reportedly seriously hurt when the "dacoits" — or bandits — looted the entire village and set 10 houses ablaze.

Police, meanwhile, shot and killed five alleged gangsters in a fierce clash in Deoria district, also in Uttar Pradesh, the reports said. The slayings raised the death toll in clashes between police and villagers to at least 55.

Soviet plan downgrades industry

MOSCOW, March 2 (Agencies) — The Soviet national plan for 1981-1985, approved Monday at the Communist Party Congress, is modest in its objectives and lay slightly more emphasis on consumer goods than on basic industry. In the view of Soviet officials, this 11th plan should enable the USSR to move into an "intensive" development phase.

In addresses to the congress President Leonid Brezhnev and Premier Nikol Tikhonov castigated waste, losses, bad management and low productivity within the economy at a time when output costs are rising and manpower is short. Growth targeted at 26 to 28 per cent, against previous 35 to 39 per cent. In several sectors of basic industry, targets are unchanged, for example 645 million tons of oil and 800 million tons of coal.

The aims for gas are more ambitious: 640,000 million cubic meters for 1981 against the present 435,000 million. Gas is key factor in the economy today, playing an essential role in trade with Western nations and enabling the Soviet Union to balance accounts with the West. The Soviet Union in talks at the moment with several Western countries on doubling supplies to 40,000 million cubic meters.

Meanwhile, Cuban leader Fidel Cast declared Sunday that only Soviet supplies enable his country to "withstand the attack of imperialism," the Soviet news agency reported.

Castro, speaking in the Black Sea resort city of Odessa, told a Soviet-Cuban friendship rally that Cuba is eternally grateful to the Soviet Union for its support, the Tass agency said.

"Now, when the American imperialists have unleashed a new anti-Cuban campaign, the people of Cuba know that the Soviet Union is on our side," Castro told the gathering at the Odessa opera house, according to Tass.

Moscow Radio announced Sunday that Mikhail Gorbachev, a member of the politburo and secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, has been awarded the Order of Lenin, the order awarded by the Supreme Soviet, the USSR's very highest. It was given to Gorbachev, according to the radio, "for immense services rendered to the Soviet Communist Party and state on the occasion of his 35 birthday." He is the youngest man in the Politburo.

The Soviet Communist Party daily *Pravda* published Monday a speech by Italian Communist representative Giancarlo Pajetta, day after Italian party officials reported protested over its non-appearance in the Soviet press.

Pajetta spoke in Moscow on Friday calling for a settlement to the Afghan crisis "which would include the withdrawal of all foreign troops. He also declared that Poland's problems must be resolved with full respect for Polish independence."

2 shot at U.S. parade honoring ex-hostages

NEW ORLEANS, March 2 (AP) — A fire erupted at the Mardi Gras parade honoring the returned American hostages Sunday night and two youths were shot and injured, authorities said. The shooting took place after floats went by carrying Marine Sgt. Jo D. McKeel and eight other marines who were held hostage in Iran for 444 days.

Both the hurt were reported in stable condition at hospital. A police spokesman said one person was arrested, Capt. Paul Del said a member of the St. Augustine High School band was wounded in the neck, an spectator was hit in the lower abdomen.

"It happened about four meters from me," said Leslie Ward. "There was this high school band passing by. All of a sudden, I hear noise. 'All the band began moving to the very front. The police pushed everybody away. There was a lot of confusion. I police got their riot sticks out and start pushing the band forward to clear the street."

Early reports said as many as four persons had been hit, but DePre who got to the scene moments after the shooting, said there were two victims. "There was a whole lot of confusion," he said. The shooting held up the parade for about a half-hour.

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